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KMT WILL CONTINUE TO TRADE WITH HK

Recognition won't affect commercial relations

FOREIGN OFFICE WARNING

Taipei, December 20.

The Chinese Nationalists expect to continue doing business with Hong Kong and elsewhere even after the anticipated recognition of the Peking regime by the British Government, according to official quarters here today.

Chou protests against French "hostile action"

San Francisco, December 20.

The Chinese Communist Foreign Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai, today charged French planes violated the "sacred territorial air of the People's Republic of China," and lodged a strong protest against this "intolerable, hostile action," according to Peking radio today.

This was Chou's second accusation against the French in the past three weeks. He alleged that five French planes flew reconnaissance missions on December 14 near the Indo-China border during the course of Communist military operations against Nationalist troops.

KMT offer to support Bao Dai

Hanoi, December 20.

The chief of the Kuomintang in French Indo-China, Wu Hsiang-hsing, is now in Hanoi awaiting Emperor Bao Dai's reaction to his proposal for forming a "National Reconstruction Army" in co-operation with the forces of Nationalist General Chiang-hsi. It was learned today.

There has been no indication that Bao Dai or the French authorities would agree to the plan. (This is the first confirmation from non-Communist quarters of Communist charges that such an army is being organized. The Communist accusation, which has been denied by both French and Vietnamese quarters, stated that the force is being organized in co-operation with the French authorities. Today's dispatch would indicate that there is no foundation for this charge.)

Wu, in a telegram to Bao Dai, expressed loyal support to the Vietnamese Government and assured the Emperor that the Chinese Nationalist forces would work together with the French authorities in accordance with their peace policy.—United Press.

The Weather

At 0800 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) a view of the Siberian anti-cyclone extends across Central Japan. A depression appears to be forming in the Eastern Sea. It will probably move ENE.

Today's Forecast—Moderate S.W. winds, cloudy with occasional drizzle patches, clearing partially during the day.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 71.5 deg. F. Min. 60.2 deg. F. Wind S.W. 10 to 20 m.p.h. Rainfall 0.1 inch. Humidity 85%.

At 0800 GMT, Total since Jan. 1—2099.8 mm—82.64 in. as against an average of 2180.4 mm—85.85 in. Readings at:

10 a.m.	4 p.m.
Baro. at msl. 1010.4, 1015.5 m.b.	1001.1, 1002.2 inches.
Rel. Humidity 82, 88 %	80, 86 %
Dew Point 60, 65 deg. F.	61, 66 deg. F.
Wind Direction 20, 25 by 8	15, 14 by 8
Wind Force 8, 14 knots	10, 16 knots
Clouds 100, 100 %	100, 100 %
High 71.5, 74.0	71.5, 74.0
Low 60.2, 60.2	60.2, 60.2
Mean 65.8, 67.3	65.8, 67.3

Although the Nationalist Government is expected to sever diplomatic relations with Britain as soon as the Communist recognition is announced, this is not expected to alter present commercial relationships.

No withdrawal of British Consulates from Nationalist territory is expected.

There were no indications that any Nationalist officials seek to prevent continued normal trade relations, an official source said. The situation after British recognition was likened to the present position of British and American consular officials in Red areas such as Mukden, Peking, Tientsin, Nanking and Shanghai.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. George Yeh, today instructed Nationalist representatives throughout the world to deliver a note to the governments to which they are accredited, stating that recognition of the Communist regime is helping to wreck the integrity of the United Nations.

Mr. Yeh released the text of the note here at the same time it was despatched to Ambassadors, Ministers and other diplomatic officials in all nations where they are still represented. The note plainly was aimed at the expected British recognition of the Communists, which, on the basis of the best information here, will be announced on December 27 or soon after.

Pointing out that China's appeal against Russian aid to the Chinese Reds had been referred to an interim committee of the Assembly, the note stated: "Any government which chooses to extend recognition to the Communist regime is helping to wreck the integrity of the United Nations."

Mr. Yeh declined to comment whether the note was aimed at Britain specifically. But it was pointed out that the Chinese government will immediately sever diplomatic relations if and when British recognition of the Communist is announced.

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CZECH MINISTER TO PEKING

Prague, December 20. Mr. J. C. Wladyslaw, Czech Ambassador and former Minister in Sweden, left Prague for China last night to take up his post as Minister to the Chinese People's Republic in Peking.

NOBEL PRIZE PRESENTATION



Dr. Haseki Yukawa (left), of Tokyo University; Dr. William Francis Glauco, of the University of California, (center); and Dr. Walter Hoes of the University of Zurich, (right); stand together during the presentation of their Nobel awards by Crown Prince Gustaf Adolf of Sweden. (AP Photo)

Indonesian Cabinet announced

Batavia, December 20.

The Government of the new United States of Indonesia announced today the appointment of its 16-man Cabinet.

Among those appointed were the five members of the powerful "Inner Cabinet," all but one of whom were former officials of the Republic of Indonesia.

Premier Mohammed Hatta added the job of Minister of Foreign Affairs to his duties as head of the Government.

The only appointee to the Inner Cabinet from the 15 federal states outside the Republic was Agusning, former Premier of the Indonesian Republic, who was made Minister of Home Affairs.

A special committee appointed by President Soekarno also named 11 other Cabinet members. Other members of the "Inner Cabinet," which can act independently of the other Ministers in cases of emergency, are: Minister of Finance—Amir Sjahrudin, formerly head of the Republican emergency government that went into hiding in Sumatra after Dutch police action a year ago;

Minister of Defence—Sultan Hamengku Buwono of Jogjakarta, who held the same post in the Republican Government before Indonesia gained its sovereignty; Minister of Economic Affairs—Dr. Djundana, who served as the Republican Minister of Economics;

Other members

The rest of the Cabinet is comprised of: Minister of Justice—R. Supomo of the Republic of Indonesia; Minister of Education—Abu Hanifah of the Republic of Indonesia;

Minister of Communications and Public Works—H. Loeh of the Republic of Indonesia;

Minister of Health—Leimena of the Republic of Indonesia;

Minister of Labour—Wirolo of the Republic of Indonesia;

Minister of Social Welfare—Kosasih of the federal state;

Minister of Religion—Wahid Hasjim of the Republic of Indonesia;

Minister of Information—Arnold Mononutu of the federal states;

Ministers of State without portfolio—Sultan Hamid of West Borneo, a federalist; Mohammed Rumi, a Republican and Suparno, a federalist.

The Indonesian Premier, Mohammed Hatta, who arrived here today with senior members of his Cabinet, said one of the main policies of his government would be to develop and strengthen relations with Holland and other countries, adding a Router despatch.

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HAWKINS TO MEDIATE IN TRAMWAYS DISPUTE

An open rupture between the Hong Kong Tramways Limited and their Chinese workers has been averted, with an offer from the Commissioner of Labour, Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, to mediate in the dispute.

Mr. Hawkins will meet representatives from both sides in his office this morning.

The matter was referred to Mr. Hawkins yesterday by representatives of the workers who said that in the absence of a satisfactory reply from the management the workers would take such action as they might see fit to enforce their demand.

Mr. Hawkins' offer of intervention was agreed to by both sides.

The tramway workers held two mass meetings yesterday, one in the morning and one in the evening, at which dissatisfaction was expressed at the refusal of the management to meet their demands and authority was given to their representatives to press their demands at the conference table.

The workers' representatives were told that failing a satisfactory gesture from the management at the meeting today a 24-hour ultimatum was forthwith to be handed in, reserving the right for the workers either to go on strike or to adopt other measures on the expiration of the deadline.

This deadline was arrived at after a stormy session at which many speakers advocated immediate action instead of long drawn-out negotiations.

The Electric Co. ultimatum

Another development in the overall labour situation yesterday was the filing of a two-day ultimatum by the workers of the Hong Kong Electric Company with the management.

The Electric Company workers said unless the management reconsidered its decision refusing to grant the men an overall HK\$80-a-month special cost of living allowance by tomorrow, Thursday, the men will reserve to themselves right of action to enforce their demand.

Representatives of the workers will be calling on the management tomorrow to ask for a reply.

This ultimatum, the third within three days, followed similar threats from the tramway workers and the telephone workers.

Up to late night no action has been proposed by the workers of the Hong Kong and China Gas Company whose demand for an overall HK\$90-a-month extra cost of living allowance had been turned down by the Company.

Workers of the Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Company, too, have postponed handing in their ultimatum.

Merchant fleet for Japan

Tokyo, December 20. The remodelling of 24 Japanese wartime "Liberty" ships into modern merchantmen, with the aid of American finance, has virtually been approved, according to an official of General MacArthur's Headquarters.

This was stated following an announcement from the Japanese Ministry of Commerce, which works on 10 of the vessels would be started this month and work on the balance of the 24 early in the new year.

An official of General MacArthur's financial team stated that probably 70 per cent of the funds needed for the conversion of the ships would come from the American counterpart fund—a fund of yen built up from the sale of American dollar aid goods to the Japanese public.

Most of the first 10 vessels to be started this month are between 7,000 and 8,000 gross tons.—Router.

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Nationalists mopping-up at Kunming

Taipei, December 20. Official reports received here this morning said there was considerable confusion at Kunming and some fighting was still going on as the Nationalists continued mopping-up operations after recapturing the city.

Although at present there are no Communist regulars in Yunnan it is doubtful whether the province can be successfully defended. Communist troops in considerable strength are massed in the Kweichow area from where two good highways lead to Kunming.

Military quarters here discuss the possibility of sending reinforcements by air to Kunming where 40,000 Nationalists are concentrated.—United Press.

MENZIES OUTLINES POLICY

Canberra, December 20.

Mr. R. G. Menzies, in his first broadcast as Australian Prime Minister, said his government would seek a United British Empire. "In its common instincts and unity of voice, there is real hope for mankind," he said.

Mr. Menzies, whose broadcast was heard by Australians in all states, added: "Let us remember with pride that the people of our own race have twice in this century stood between the decencies of life and disaster."

Mr. Menzies said his government's purpose was not to establish some exclusive national association, on the contrary, Australia's happiness would in the long run depend upon the well-being of the simplest citizens of India, China or any other of the great communities of people.

Mr. Menzies continued: "If we are to achieve the best for all people, we must begin by establishing the greatest possible measure of unity among those who live in peace, who resist aggression and who understand that a good life for ordinary men and women must be the supreme pre-occupation of the government."

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bour Mooring Buoys A-15,
B-20 and B-21 this area will
be closed to all shipping as
from 0900 hours, December 21,
1949 and until further notice.

Buoy A-15 is marked by a
Wreck Marking light buoy,
painted green light with a
flash of one second every three
seconds. Buoys B-20 and B-21
will be marked by a red flag
by day and a red light by
night.

All shipping approaching this
area should proceed DEAD
SLOW until finally past and
clear and take all precautions
to avoid creating wash.

Charts affected.—3280.

Previous Notice To Mariners
Nos. 20 and 24 of 1949.

Authority: Marine Depart-
ment, Hong Kong.

J. JOLLY,
Director of Marine,
Marine Office.

Hong Kong, Dec. 20, 1949.

NOTICE

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT

Medical Department

REMINDER

TO REGISTERED MIDWIVES

All registered midwives are
reminded that the names of
all those not in Government
Service will be excluded from the
midwives roll if the annual
retention fee of \$1.00 is not
paid to the Secretary of
Midwives Board, G.P.O. Build-
ing, top floor, before the end
of January, 1950.

Any registered midwife who
fails to pay her retention fee
after the end of January, 1950
and wishes to be re-registered
at a later date must give notice
in writing to the Secretary of
Midwives Board applying for
re-admission to the roll and
shall pay an enrolment fee of
five dollars under Section 8 of
the Midwives Ordinance, No.
22 of 1910.

I. NEWTON,
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of Medical Services.

December 19, 1949.

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lecture entitled "The Work of
the Zikawei Observatory—
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ano, at 6 p.m., on Thursday
22nd December.

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ed to attend.

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cember, 1949, having been declared general holidays, this
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Clerk pleads
guilty to
rice theft

Ho Tin-sing, tally clerk of
the Rice Section of the Depart-
ment of Supplies and Distribu-
tion, pleaded guilty before Mr.
F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon
yesterday to the charge of
stealing 130 bags of Govern-
ment rice.

Defendant changed his plea of
not guilty to guilty through his
counsel, Mr. A.S.C. Comber, af-
ter nine hearings had been held
and just before the prosecution
closed its case yesterday. Pro-
secution began its case on No-
vember 14.

Defendant's father, Ho Wal-
lam, alias William Ho, cargo
supervisor of the Department of
Supplies and Distribution, is also
held on the same charge. They
were alleged to have stolen more
than \$24,000 worth of rice from
godown 38B of the Hong Kong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company in Jordan Road on
September 23.

Mr. M. A. da Silva is repre-
senting Ho Wal-lam, while Mr.
A. A. Shaw, Assistant Superin-
tendent of Police attached to the
Anti-Corruption Branch assisted
by Inspector Hul Hung-cheung,
are for the prosecution.

Two other men, Cheung Lan,
cook at the Hip Yick Rice Depot,
and Cheung Kwang, coolie at the
Depot, are charged with aiding
and abetting in the theft of the
rice. They are not legally repre-
sented.

Ho Tin-sing, together with his
father, is facing another charge of
larceny of 140 bags of Govern-
ment rice from godown 38C of
the Hong Kong and Kowloon,
Wharf and Godown Company on
August 29.

After several witnesses were
cross-examined by defence coun-
sel and evidence given by In-
spector Hul, hearing was adjourned
until January 3.

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THINK BEFORE COVERING

YOU MAY be doing nothing
but helping simplify the declarer's
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from the dummy. Before doing
that, it is always advisable to
stop and think a bit. Calculating
the consequences of your play is
especially important if the dum-
my appears to have none too
many entries. In such a case,
the cover may build some second-
ary card as a re-entry to the
dummy and speed your opponent's
blithely on his otherwise rocky
road.

S Q J 8
H A J 4 2
D 8 7 5
C 10 9 2
S K 6 2
H Q 8 5
D A K
C K Q 8
S 5 3
H A 10 9 5 4
D K 10 3
C A 7 6
(Dealer: East. East-West vul-
nerable).

East South West North
1 C 1 S Pass 2 H
Pass 2 S Pass 3 S
Pass 4 S

As this hand developed, South
needed the help of East to make
his contract. After the club J
lead, which South took with the
A, two losers were in sight
in the minors plus a possible one
in trumps. Yet these had shrunk
to just three by the time the
play was over.

South used the heart A on the
second trick as entry to finesse
trumps. East "covered an honour
with an honour" when the spade
Q was led, the A winning. South
noticed now that both the J and

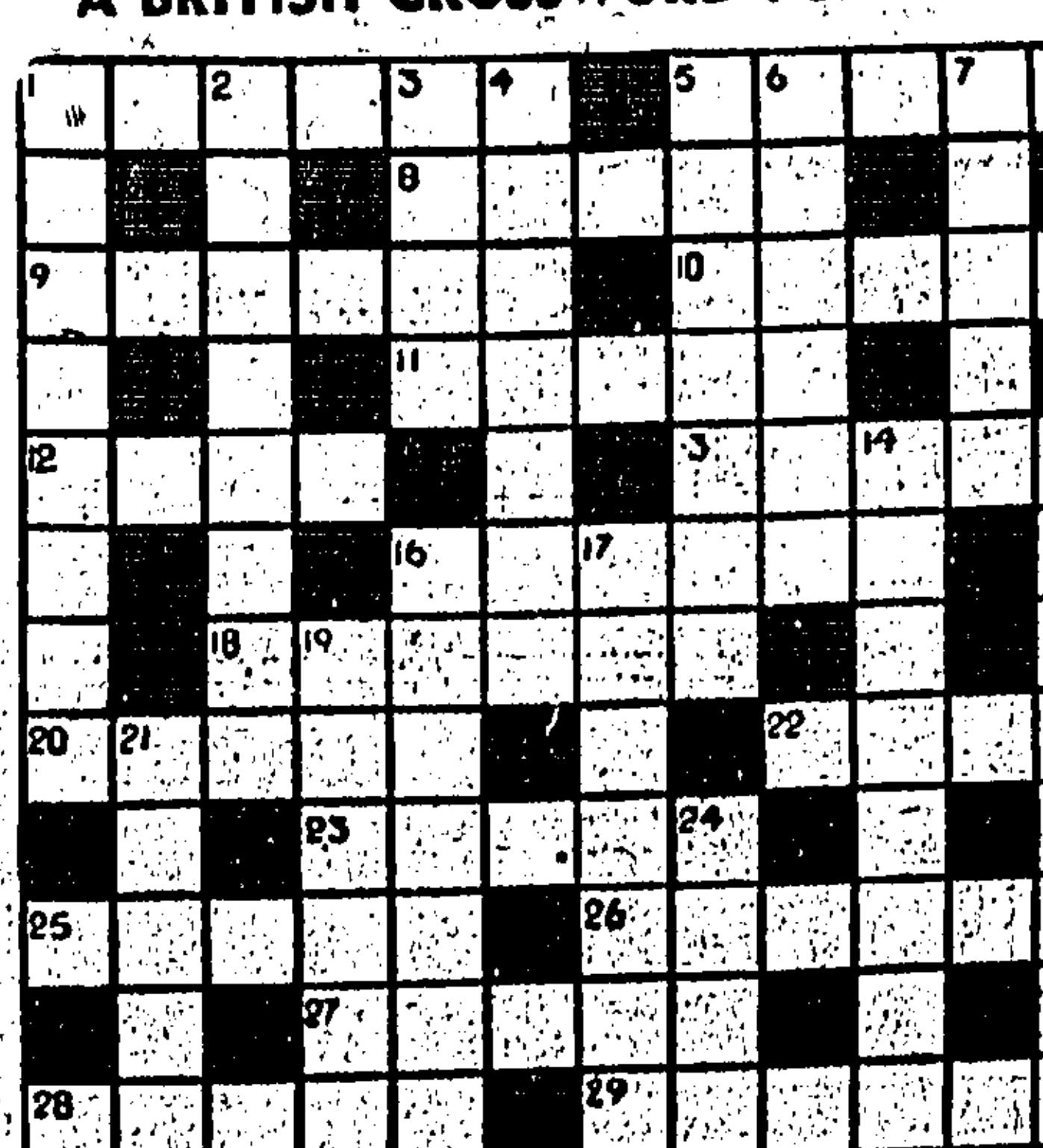
8 of spades were dummy re-en-
tries. He used the J then to lead
the heart 2 and finesse the 10.
The heart K killed the Q, estab-
lishing the J. To reach it South
led the spade 5 to the 8 and used
the heart J to discard the dia-
mond 2. That limited his dia-
mond losers to one, so he was
glad to give up two club tricks
and have his game.

A smarter East would have
ducked the spade Q lead and
either covered the J or not play-
ed the K until the third round,
either of which would have
hamstrung South. If he covered
the J, that would have left
South only one re-entry to dum-
my. South could use that chance
to finesse the heart 10, then could
would establish the J. But how
in the world could South get in-
to dummy to use the J? With
no entry for it, he would have
been unable to get a discard on
it, so would have had to lose two
tricks in each minor suit.

Tomorrow's Problem
S 7
H A 9 8 7
D Q 10
C A K Q 9 4 2
S Q J 2
H J 5 3 2
D K 2
C 10 5
S A K 10 3
H K Q
D A 8 7 6
C J 8 3
(Dealer: South. North-South
vulnerable).

If South essays a double-
squeeze to make his 7-N
Trumps, with the last club as the
squeezing lead, how can the de-
fenders beat him?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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9. Cavalryman. 24. Swell.
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6. Calm. 20. Taro.
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Yesterday's Crossword

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MANSTEIN'S APPEAL AGAINST SENTENCE

Hamburg, December 19.

Field Marshal Erich von Manstein, Hitler's most successful commander, appealed tonight against the 18-year prison sentence imposed on him here today by the British Military Court, the West German news agency reported.

The Commander-in-Chief of the British Rhine Army Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Keightley, will review the findings and sentence announced by the seven-man War Crimes Court this morning after its four-month trial.

SPANISH THRONE DISPUTE

Paris, December 19.

The Duchess of Segovia, wife of Don Jaime de Bourbon, who recently announced his intention of renewing his claims to the Spanish throne, will reveal on Tuesday how she intends to "renounce" her marriage in order to further his cause.

A brief statement from Guido Orlando, describing himself as "Public Relations Counsellor" of the Duke and Duchess, announced she would explain the circumstances which had led her to her decision at a Press conference on Tuesday afternoon.

Meanwhile, both the Duke and Duchess refused to answer any calls from reporters at their Paris Hotel.

The Duke of Segovia (Don Jaime de Bourbon), 41-year-old, second son of the late King Alfonso XIII, told the Associated Press on December 6 that since the reasons for his withdrawal in favour of his younger brother, Don Juan, had disappeared with his recovery of the speech and hearing which had failed him throughout most of his life, he was considering legal action to reinstate his claims to the Spanish throne.

Generalissimo Francisco Franco in the succession law proclaimed in Spain a kingdom, established that he himself would name as his successor a Spaniard of Italo-Spanish blood.

Spanish circles here think it possible that Don Jaime might later renounce his claims in favour of his eldest son, 13-year-old Don Alfonso, but that until he comes of age Don Jaime would accept Franco as Regent. Associated Press.

Lord Russell, an eminent British Judge who frequently attended the trial, will, it was understood, act as General Keightley's legal adviser.

Manstein's third defence counsel had a long conference with him in the British military hospital here this afternoon to discuss the form of his representation to General Keightley.

The appeal is largely a formality made in the case of all prisoners before sentence has been confirmed. No Appeal Court exists in the normal sense of the word, the court being tried by a court martial, but the British commander has to review and confirm the findings and sentence.

Many Germans have undoubtedly been shocked by the sentence.

The "Hamburg Abendblatt", which has the largest sale of any German newspaper in North Germany, said: "The sentence evoked strong disapproval among onlookers in Court."

It added that the sentence was sharply criticised even by foreign journalists present.

Jewish opinion

Commenting on the sentence, Mr. Norbert Weill, Secretary of the Jewish Organisation in West Germany, said: "The Court has not allowed itself to be influenced by the emotional pleading of the defence or German attempts to whitewash Manstein. The sentence shows that while it is not a crime to lose a war it is definitely one to commit barbarous atrocities."

A former German Lieutenant Colonel who served under Manstein in the Crimea, said today: "The sentence is disgraceful."

The officer, who lost a leg in the fighting, added, "Manstein was a grand commander and a fine fellow. The British Court has no idea what the situation was like in the Crimea."

In Frankfurt, a spokesman of the West German Communist Party headquarters said that the sentence was "insufficient."

A young German mechanic in Frankfurt commented, "They should have left the old man alone" and two girl typists described the sentence as "incredible nonsense."

A spokesman of the Free Democratic Party of Hesse said, "I am astounded at the severity of the sentence."

U.S. amnesty

In Frankfurt, The United States occupation headquarters today announced an amnesty for some German war criminals.

Sixty Germans are to be released among them being the former head of the National Socialist Nazi Organisation Ernst Wilhelm Bohle, and Georg von Schnitzler, former head of the Board of Directors of the I.B. Farben combine.

The "Christmas" amnesty takes effect tomorrow.

Others to be released are Josef Altmeppen, former Secretary of State in the German Ministry of Justice, Karl Hollidt, a former General, and Emil Puhl, former Vice-President of the Reichsbank, all of whom were tried in Nuremberg.

Though the amnesty takes effect tomorrow these five men, all of whom are in Andenberg Prison, are not to be released until sometime next month, according to a statement by Mr. John J. McCloy, American High Commissioner.

The 65 others were sentenced by Dachau courts. Of these 27 will be released tomorrow and 28 on Wednesday.

The amnesty is conditional. It provides for deductions of five days for each month served for "good conduct" war criminals. The men will remain on probation until the time of the expiration of the full sentence as pronounced by the courts.—Reuter.

Vatican turns down statuette

Vatican City, December 19.

A metal statuette of Pope Pius XII which "imparts the Apostolic Benediction as fast as its internal mechanism can motivate the Pontifical arm," is among many souvenir gadgets which have failed to obtain the Vatican's blessing for the Holy Year.

With less than a week to go before the opening of the Holy Year, hundreds of enterprising dealers are being turned away daily without permission to hawk their wares on Vatican land arranged for the hundreds of thousands of pilgrims who will arrive throughout 1950.

Estimates are that if the Vatican approved all the requested permission to sell their wares in St. Peter's Square there would be roughly one hawk to every pilgrim.

One firm offered to fire rockets which would explode in a shower of prayer lentils over crowds of pilgrims.

Another group proposed to set up a fountain piped with Holy Water.

A tobacco merchant offered a brand of cigarettes which gives the scent of incense.—Reuter.

SOUTH AMERICAN QUAKE'S TOLL

Punta Arenas, December 19.

Reports from the region around the Southern tip of South America said today that four were killed and damage estimated at \$500,000 was caused by violent earthquakes which shook the area on Saturday and Sunday.

In some coastal areas, low-lying land was flooded by extreme high tides. Earthquake experts said the tremors were the worst registered in Southern America in 35 years. The combination of scant population and soft earth contributed to a comparatively lesser degree of destruction.—United Press.

Moslems demand ban on film

Karachi, December 19.

Indignant Moslems from three religious organisations today demanded a ban on the film "Everybody Does It," which stars Linda Darnell. They told the U.S. representative, Mr. Hooker Doolittle, that Pakistan Moslems were annoyed at "the most outrageous immoral and highly mischievous film about the life of the holy daughter of the prophet Mohammed."

Mr. Doolittle assured them he had already told his Government of Moslem feeling about this film, which has caused so much agitation in Pakistan.—Associated Press.

INGRID BERGMAN DIVORCE

Hollywood, December 19.

Ingrid Bergman's lawyer said today he is negotiating for her divorce from Dr. Peter Lindstrom.

The lawyer, Mr. Greg Bautzer, announced he has submitted an offer to Mr. Laurence Brinn, Dr. Lindstrom's New York lawyer.

Ingrid, now in Italy, wants to divorce Dr. Lindstrom to marry Roberto Rossellini, Italian film director.

Mr. Bautzer said only he is waiting to hear from Mr. Brinn, he would not discuss who would get the divorce or who would have custody of the 12-year-old daughter, Pia.

Dr. Lindstrom has steadily refused any comment on the Strumboli Island romance between Ingrid and Rossellini, but close friends said he would not consent to divorce.

There have been indications, however, that he may have recently changed his mind.—Associated Press.

ELEPHANTS ON WAY OUT

Colombo, December 20.

Elephants may become extinct within the next two centuries, according to Mr. P.E.P. Deraniyagala, Director of Natural Museums.

Addressing the fifth annual session of the Ceylon Association of Science, he said: "Under natural conditions man's contemporary should enjoy a racial life for as long a period as himself, but with man's rapid expansion it is unlikely that the animal will survive beyond another two centuries."

"The only avenue of survival is through total domestication, but although the elephant has been man's valued assistant in labour, war, the hunt and as an executioner, its larger size restricts ownership of the animal to a few individuals, and thereby prevents the animal from becoming domesticated."—Reuter.

MARTIAL LAW RAISED

Athens, December 19.

The Greek Cabinet tonight approved a decree lifting martial law from the Athens-Piraeus and Poloponnese areas, to be effective tomorrow.

The Government said that several weeks ago that military control over the areas would be relinquished because peace had been established.—Reuter.

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German-Scot's story

GESTAPO PRISONER, HE AWAITED BLACK WATCH ON RHINE

A sandy-haired young Scot who cannot speak a word of any language except German and yet spent two years in Buchenwald concentration camp for refusing to join the German army is about to lose his job as Control Commission car driver in Düsseldorf because he has a British passport.

Leaving out of his little grey Volkswagen taxi David Clunie, 28 years old, proudly shows the tattered photograph of his father, Company Sergeant-Major John Bell Clunie of the Black Watch who married a Düsseldorf girl when he was working in Germany in 1912.

David Clunie kept the photograph in his possession all the time he was in the concentration camp. Not even the threats of the SS guards could get it off him. The Germans objected to the picture because his father was shown in his Black Watch uniform.

Speaking in Rhineland tongue, David tells me his troubles started when his parents left Düsseldorf to spend a holiday at his mother's home town, Düsseldorf, in the Ruhr in 1920. For it was while they were in Germany that year that he was born.

Five years later when his father died in Scotland, Mrs. Bell Clunie decided to go back home to Germany and took her children, David aged five, his elder brother John (born, luckily, in Düsseldorf) and his sister Jacobina, back to the Ruhr with her.

Missed boat

It was not until the last days of August 1939 that David Clunie, because he had been born in Germany, found he could not get out of the country before war broke out. His brother, born in Scotland, escaped and served in the British merchant navy on oil

tankers throughout the war, re-learning the English he had forgotten during the years spent in Germany.

But David missed the last boat back to Britain that August, and though he did not know it at the time was doomed to spend two years in the horror of a Nazi concentration camp.

The blow fell in 1943 after he had refused several times to obey an order to join the Wehrmacht. For two years he had "gone to

By **ANTONY
TERRY**

ground" and worked as a lorry driver. Then the Germans claimed him as a German, because he was born in Germany. David showed the picture of his father, asserted firmly that he was British, but it was no use. The Germans said: "By our law you are German."

On the night of January 6, 1943 the Gestapo called at David's house, and despite the appeals of his mother, took him away. For weeks he moved from one prison to another, and finished up in Buchenwald, most dreaded of the Nazi death camps, where he stayed until the end of the war.

Beaten by SS

Starved, beaten, and bullied by the SS guards David Clunie taught himself bricklaying, and, being neither a Jew nor a Gypsy, was put in charge of a working party of Jews and Gypsies engaged in housebuilding. During these two years he saw thousands of his workmates taken away to the gas chambers.

One bitter March morning in 1945 David protested to the SS guard that his half-frozen, starving gang could not make cement

with frozen water. Priority job in the camp, just then, was the building of additional gas chambers so that the bodies of the thousands of dead could be more easily disposed of. The SS man's reply was to unloading his rifle, point it at David's stomach. "It looked like the end, but before he could fire another SS man, realising the war was nearly over and thinking perhaps that he might need a friend, called across: "Don't shoot!" and so saved David's life.

After the Americans liberated the camp a few weeks later David returned to his father's home in Düsseldorf and got a job as a driver for the Control Commission. He also got his British Passport.

Brother John Clunie had meanwhile got a job in Rhodesia and wrote to David telling him to get on a ship and come out to join him. But luck was against David again. He tried to get the Control Commission to pay him his wages in pounds instead of German marks, so that he could save his fare. What he found out was that Britishers were not allowed to be employed on the German staff at all. He didn't get his wages in pounds and he nearly lost his job as well.

Now married

Now David is married and has a son aged two.

Next to his father's photo, David Clunie is proudest of the fact that Claud John Clunie was born on Princess Elizabeth's wedding day.

David's hopes now are centred on making enough money in part-time work as a bricklayer to enable him to pay his fare to Rhodesia. He works 16 hours some days, and thinks he will succeed.

If he does, he is taking his wife and son to a place where he will no longer be living between two worlds.

Wartime tricks revived

Prague, December 20.

Tricks they used to foil the Nazis are now being resurrected by some Czechs to beat their Communist rulers.

During the height of the arrest round-ups staged by the Communist-controlled police, it was surprising to learn how packed the hospitals and clinics were.

They couldn't ship a sick man off to the labour camps or uranium mines, could they? Or couldn't they?

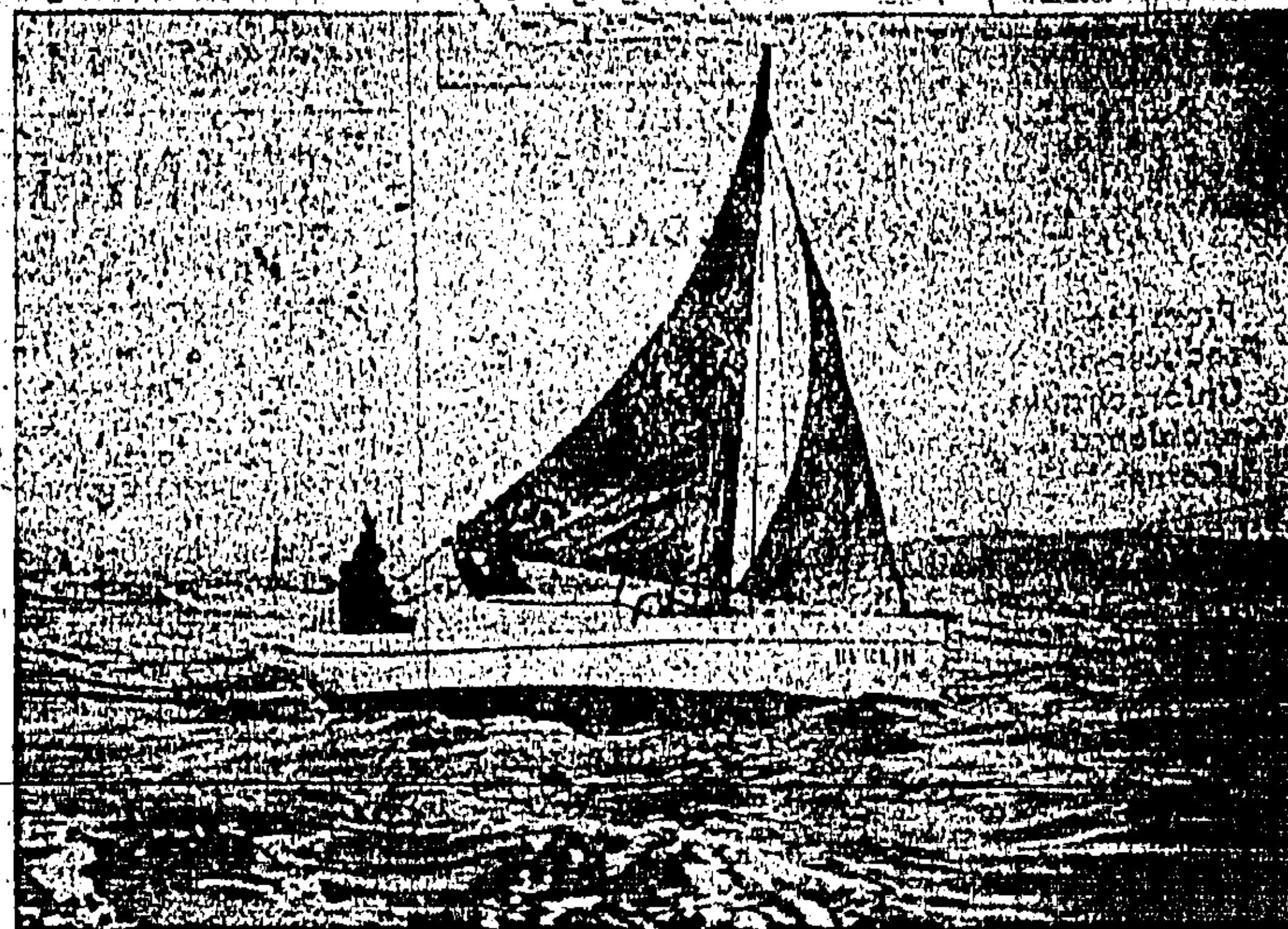
Those hiding out in this way were mostly businessmen and other privileged elements—who were the main targets of the round-ups.

And, as in the days when they feared the Nazi Gestapo, many men were winter underwear out of season. Some went to bed fully clothed. One man explained:

"If they grab you during the night the police don't give you time to put on or pack heavy clothing. And it takes a long time before you get a package from home in the work camps."

Such packages were made up by numerous Prague people to send to arrested relatives. If a request came for "high boots and a water-proof coat" it usually was the tip-off that the arrested person was in the Soviet-operated uranium mines near Jachymov (Joachimsthal)—a so-called Press.

Daring Atlantic venture



A German chemical worker, Paul Müller, 63, and his daughter Aga, 18, put out from Falmouth, Devon, in a bid to cross the Atlantic in their 16-foot (5 metres) converted row-boat, Berlin. They hope reach South America, there to begin a new life in "peace and security." Despite the advice of hardened seamen along England's South Coast, the Müllers started their voyage in the teeth of a gale. Stanley Smith, who crossed the Atlantic this summer in the 20-foot Nova Espora with his brother Colin, went to Falmouth to dissuade the pair, without success. Coastguards watching the progress of the South Westerly gale reported no sign of the Berlin and feared she might have been driven far South and off her course on the first leg of the trip, due to end in a South Irish port. Photo shows the Müllers waving goodbye to the fishing boats which escorted them out of Falmouth into the gale-lashed sea. (Associated Press Photo).

New Canadian trail

GREEN AND YELLOW FOR BRIGHT ESCORTS

Canadian men are blazing a trail of colour across the whole Dominion. Fashion-minded males are making Canada not only man's No. 1 fashion centre, but forming a question mark for British exporters.

There may not be a Saville Row in Canada, but there is a widespread demand for new ideas in men's clothing. Adam's attire has been drab for too long, say the males.

Greens, light blues, yellows and gentle shades of puce are not confined to the fair sex any more.

My head hangs in shame at the thought of my modest London wardrobe. Somehow my natty pin-stripe and Air Force blue shirt, and the daring polka-dot tie look more like the garb of an undertaker than a man about town.

Perhaps the most wonderful thing about the Canadian revolt is the rainbow-coloured new suitings, is the tie.

No dark browns

Walking in the main street, I saw everything depicted on ties, from political cartoons to Hollywood's most spectacular productions.

On a pale background I saw a sunset in the Rockies. Against a flame red neck-piece was a busy oilfield complete with derricks and men working in the foreground. On other ties were cowboys on bucking bronches, Peter Scott studies of ducks and geese, quiet lakes with deer grazing nearby.

A tie for every mood and personality. So now I am reforming. I have on, at the moment, the latest thing in shirts—a warm woollen shirt with a gentle three-inch check of red and mauve on a pale grey background. My wife winces every time she sees me in it.

Next summer I intend to buy one of those cream-coloured suits which are really for sport—with 12-inch lapels and a jacket length just short of my knees. Maybe I shall design my own tie with a sketch of Sir Stafford Cripps enjoying a good beef steak and a pint of old mild. Shirts vie with suitings in the colour craze. There are red and blue check shirts on bright yellow backgrounds. The tie menace, as my wife calls it, has swept Canada from West to East, there is no limit to the audacity of some of them.

By **JAMES ROSS**

'This menace'

Latest idea in the neck wear line is luminous paint which makes the tie shine at night—a glow-worm technique for men.

But, to be more serious, British exporters looking for Canadian dollars—or, for that matter, American ones when Canadian ideas really get cracking in Uncle Sam's country—should consider this question of male fashion.

British suitings and textiles are much too sombre for the Canadian market. Exporters have got to cut out the dark browns and navy blues and remember the pastel shades and the yellows, greens and reds.

The merchandising manager of one of Canada's large stores told me: "Nothing would please me more than to be able to sell British goods in large quantities. Quality of suitings is excellent, as good as it ever was, but it is all a question of colour."

Scarlet socks

"These blue and grey socks, no one will look at. Canadian men are buying these bright yellow socks with the scarlet diamonds. Appalling, you say? Well, there it is—it means a loss of dollars for Britain."

"If Britain wants to sell out here, she's got to change her mind about men's fashions. British

ties just don't sell at all. It's the same with carpets. They are too dull, too austere.

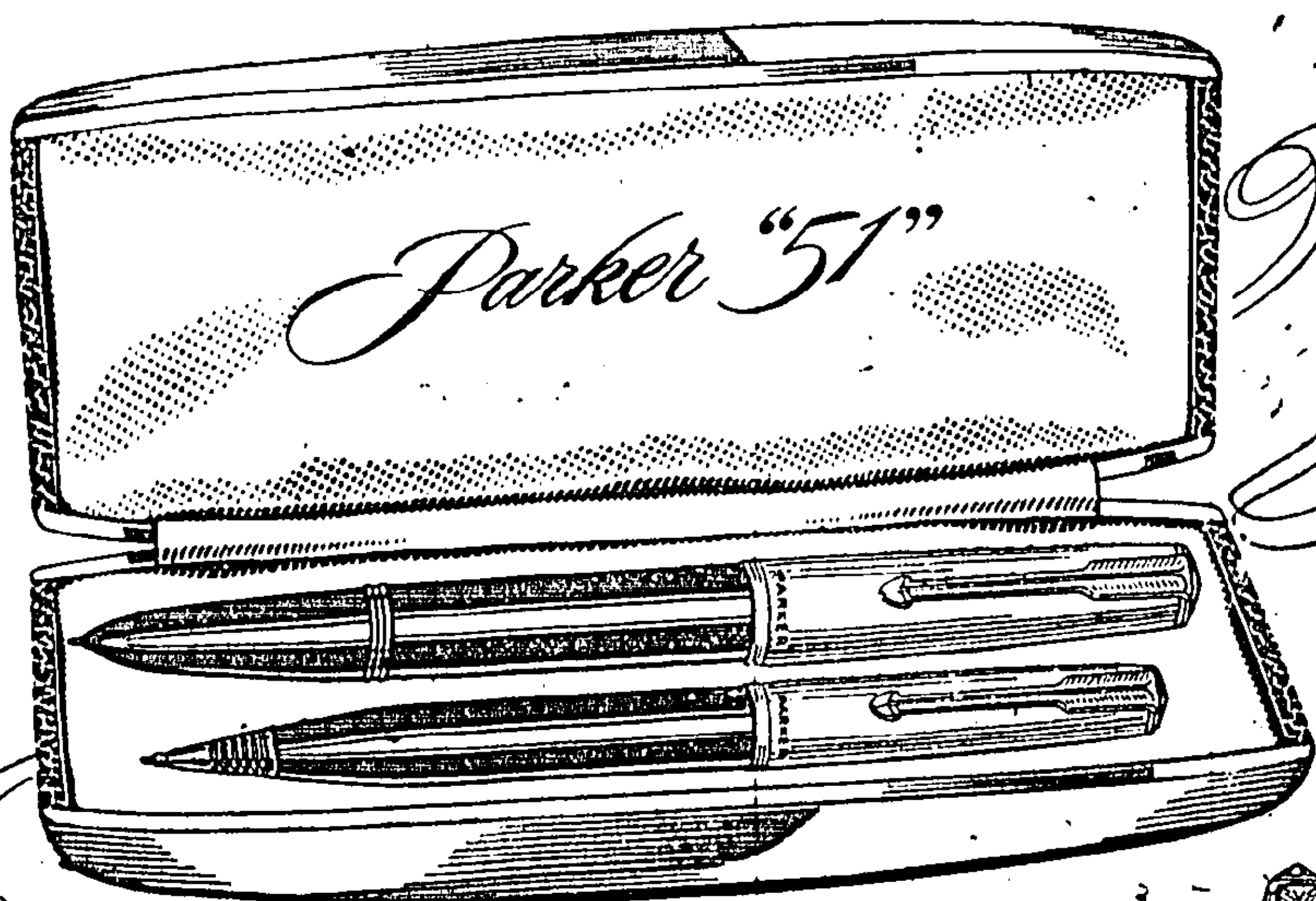
"I wish I had 80 per cent less stock of British carpets on hand. I can't sell them. People go for the sort of colours in carpets and tapestries that would make a rainbow blush."

Men who know the merchandising game tell me that Britain could produce the suitings and carpets required. But, if they don't hurry up and do so, America will capture the market.

Somebody ought to send our would-be exporters out to Canada to see the Christmas displays in the stores here. It would make them sit up.

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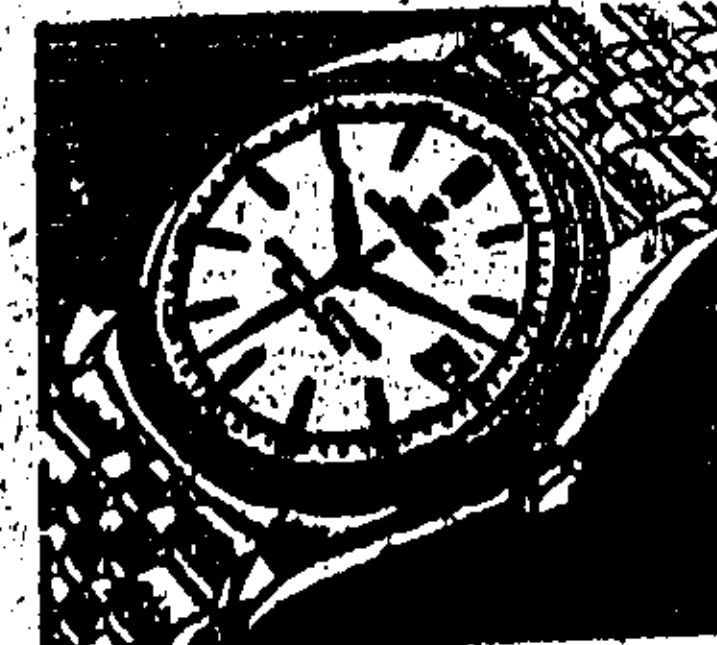
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BRITAIN, U.S., CANADA ANNOUNCE MILITARY STANDARDISATION

NEW PLAN FOR ATOM CONTROL

Lake Success, December 19. Brigadier-General Carlos P. Romulo, President of the United Nations Assembly, is reported tonight to have drafted a new plan which, he hopes, will break the East-West deadlock on atomic control.

Informed quarters said the Philippine diplomat will submit his proposals on Tuesday morning to General A. G. McNaughton, Canadian member of the UN Atomic Energy Commission.

General Romulo returned today from Washington where he spent last week for a test and a physical check-up at the Walter Reed Hospital. His move came as the six permanent members of the Atomic Commission—Canada, Britain, Russia, the United States, France and China—prepared to resume their secret talks which were suspended during the recent meeting of the Assembly.

General Romulo will return to Washington after turning his proposals over to General McNaughton. He declined to disclose the nature of his plan, but said it consisted of concrete proposals for a controlled and limited use of atomic energy.

General Romulo indicated he will make his proposals public after he submits them to General McNaughton. The fact that he had been in Washington led to speculation that he may have come from the State Department, but General Romulo denied he had talked with any U.S. officials about the move.

The six countries have been carrying on the private talks since last summer when the Atomic Commission decided to drop further atomic discussions until these key members found a basis for agreement.

The conference reported to the Assembly they had made little or no progress, but the Assembly directed them to keep trying and to explore all possible solutions.

During the Assembly debate, General McNaughton said he will begin the new consultations by asking Russia a series of direct questions as to just what kind of international inspection and control Russia is willing to accept.—Associated Press

LABOUR TROUBLE IN PALACE

Bombay, December 20. Labour trouble has flared up at the palace of the Gaekwar of Baroda, the noted Indian ruling prince.

Two hundred and seventy-two palace employees have gone on strike demanding the Maharajah's recognition of their union and raising the palace authorities to fix a new schedule of wages for them.

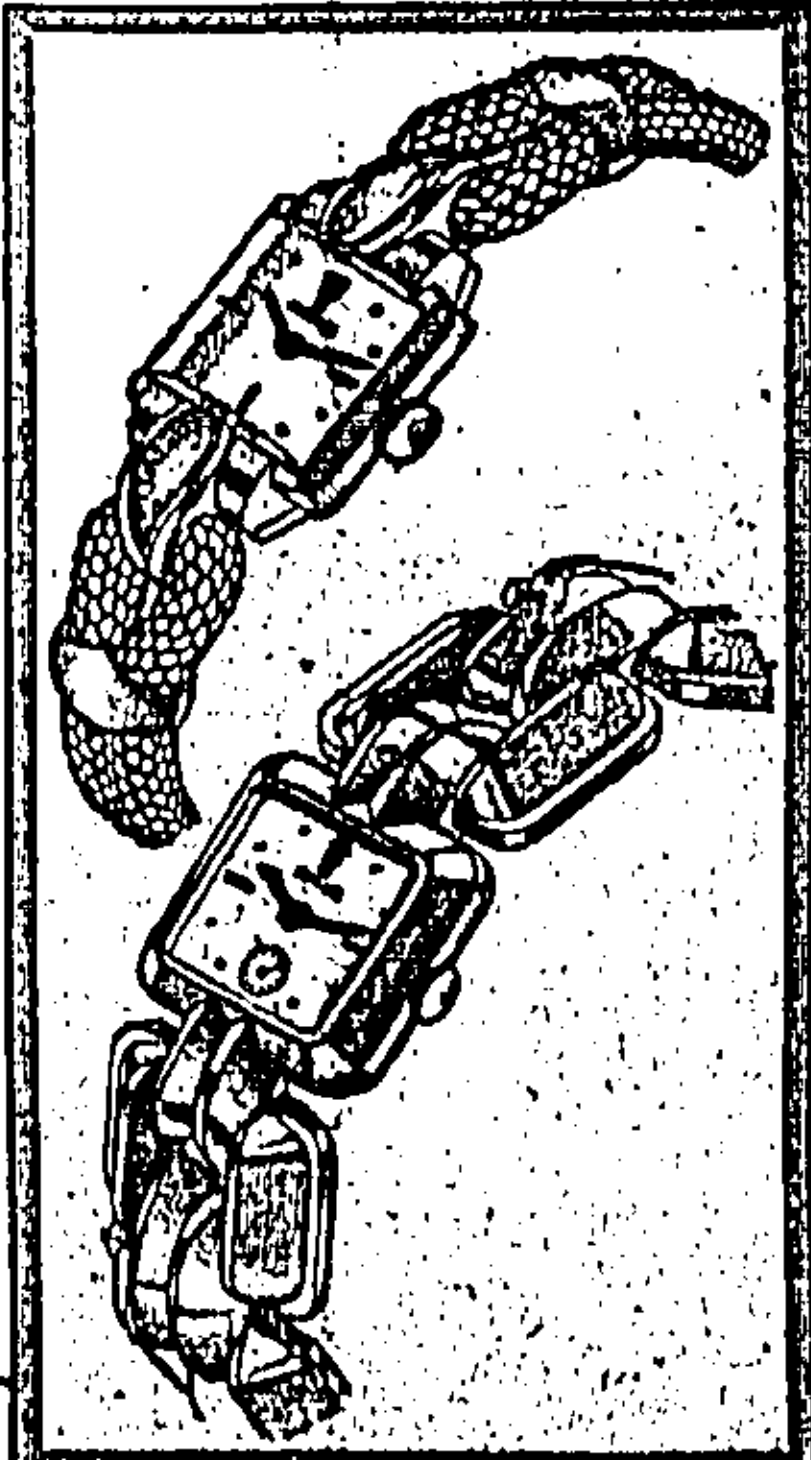
These palace workers were formerly State employees but the merger of Baroda State with the province of Bombay brought about a change in their status.—Reuter.

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London, December 19. Britain, the United States and Canada today jointly announced their agreement on plans for future standardisation of military equipment and training methods.

The new arrangements were announced simultaneously in London, Washington and Ottawa. Informed sources in London said the agreement is essentially a long-term project.

They said there is no intention of scrapping equipment in use or to cease immediate production of any particular equipment.

The statement said: "They added that the idea is to eliminate incidental difficulties which might impede the co-operation of ground, sea and air forces in case of war."

Under the agreement, the military committees of the three countries will carry on constant consultations to ensure uniformity among them. Their studies, the announcement said, will be aimed at gradual development of common designs and standards in equipment and training methods. "These arrangements will insure that in time of necessity there will be no material or technical obstacles to full co-operation among the armed forces and the greatest possible economy in its combined resources and efforts will be obtained."

The announcement also said the three-power agreement is aimed toward fulfillment of wider arrangements under the North Atlantic production and supply board which call for promotion of standardisation of parts and products of military equipment in the North Atlantic Area.

May be extended

Informed sources said no high-level committee will be appointed and there will be no direct contact between the respective services concerned.

But they said that, when development is introduced, primary consultations will be called to remove any possible future sources of difficulties.

Where possible, the informants reported, blueprints will be standardised to make production of equipment interchangeable.

Arrangements have been under discussion for two years. They are reported to be envisaged as a possible model for future extension of military collaboration to all Atlantic Pact countries.

The Ministry of Defence said technical experts of the three countries have been working on standardisation since 1947. They have made considerable progress in preliminary studies. It is known, and have made recommendations for standardisation of certain key weapons.

Leftist forces in Britain opposed the co-operation, and in Parliamentary debates called the move toward arms standardisation an aggressive weapon aimed at Soviet Russia.

In connection with the standardisation studies there have been frequent exchanges of military personnel between the two nations on operation levels.

American pilots have been assigned to fly and study Britain's jet bombers. At the same time, British and Canadian officers have worked in developing and flying many American planes. Similar exchanges have been made in the other branches of the armed services.

Training in Canada

Troops of the North Atlantic treaty nations will be brought

to Canada for specialised military training. It was authoritatively learned in Ottawa today.

This was one of the decisions made at the meeting of the North Atlantic defence committee in Paris early this month. Informed sources said, the committee stated of the Defence Ministers of the 12 nations that signed the Atlantic treaty.

The sources said the fact that Canada has two official languages—English and French—played a strong part in the decision that the Europeans should come to Canada for training. English and French are also the official languages at Atlantic Pact organisations.

The plan does not visualise thousands of troops crossing the Atlantic to turn Canada into a huge training camp. It is more a question of sending a small number of key soldiers and airmen to Canada to attend special training courses in modern weapons and technique.

The Canadian Defence Minister, Brooke Claxton, who attended the Defence Committee meeting, said he had no statement to make at present on the discussions. United Press and Associated Press.

Cairo, December 19. Representatives of Arab League countries discussed here tonight the implementation of the United Nations' recent decision to internationalise Jerusalem.—Reuter.

Temporary solution reached in Syria

London, December 19.

Reports from Damascus tonight said that the army and the new President of Syria, Hashem Atassi Pasha, had reached a "temporary solution" and under this the deposed President Sami Hinnawi had been released and pensioned.

The reports also said that Colonel Anwrie Mahmud had been named Commander of the Syrian Army.

Tonight's session of the Syrian Constituent Assembly was adjourned until Thursday owing to the indisposition of the new President, Hashem Atassi Pasha.

The session was to have been devoted to the swearing in of the new President.

While the coup d'etat was being carried out in Damascus, Syrian officers turned up as usual near the Israeli frontier to discuss with Israeli officers current problems of the Mixed Armistice Commission.

The Commission met on the Syrian side at Jisr Banat Yacub and chatted in a friendly manner about the Damascus events.

The Syrians promised to turn up on January 9 on the Israeli side to continue discussions. The influential French Conser-

Atlantic Pact financial co-operation

Paris, December 19. The Finance Ministers or their deputies of the 12 Atlantic Pact countries met here today to lay the formal basis of financial co-operation within the military alliance. The meeting, held in the French Ministry of Finance, was attended by seven Ministers and five Ambassadors or high-ranking diplomats.—Reuter.

Sabena crash kills 8

Paris, December 19.

Mr. Foster White, 31-year-old industrialist of Hartford, Connecticut, was one of eight people who died last night when a Belplan Sabena DC3 crashed on the outskirts of Paris.

The eight-four passengers and four members of the crew were killed instantly when the plane plunged into a house, exploded and burst into flames.

Two of the passengers were Belgian, the other an Egyptian. Airfield officials believe that the plane, which was on the regular Paris-Brussels run, lost speed after taking off, touched a tree and the roof of a house and crashed into another house.

The late Mr. White, who was field representative of the United Aircraft Service, was well-known in European air circles. He was married.

An inquiry is opening here today into the crash. Guards stood round the scene of the crash all night. Police and air officials watched while the bodies were laid out for identification.

The plane plunged into a two-storey building. A 74-year-old handy man was standing by a window in the dining room when

She's camera-shy



Leontine Bohl, known as "Arlotte," wound a scarf round her face as she rushed past a battery of photographers waiting for her at Paris police H.Q. She has been arrested in connection with recent jewel robberies in France. She is alleged to be the chief of a gang which has stolen more than 50 million francs worth of jewels. (AP Photo).

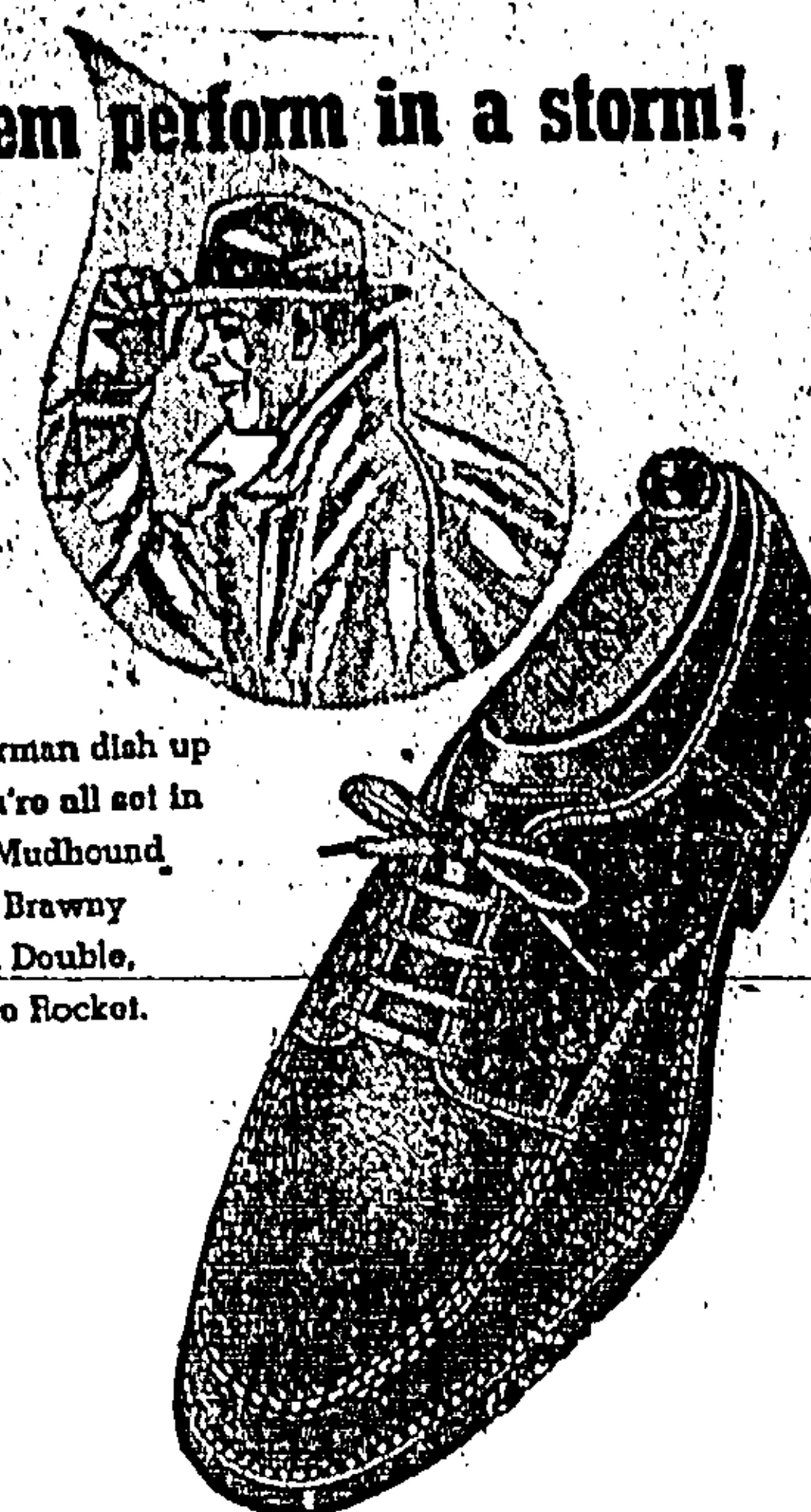
the plane hit the house. He was hurled across the room. Later he was taken from the house suffering from shock and leg and chest injuries.

Asmara, December 19.

The curfew imposed by the British trustees authorities in Eritrea last week, following the death of an Italian resident of Asmara, will be lifted tomorrow. It was announced tonight.—United Press.

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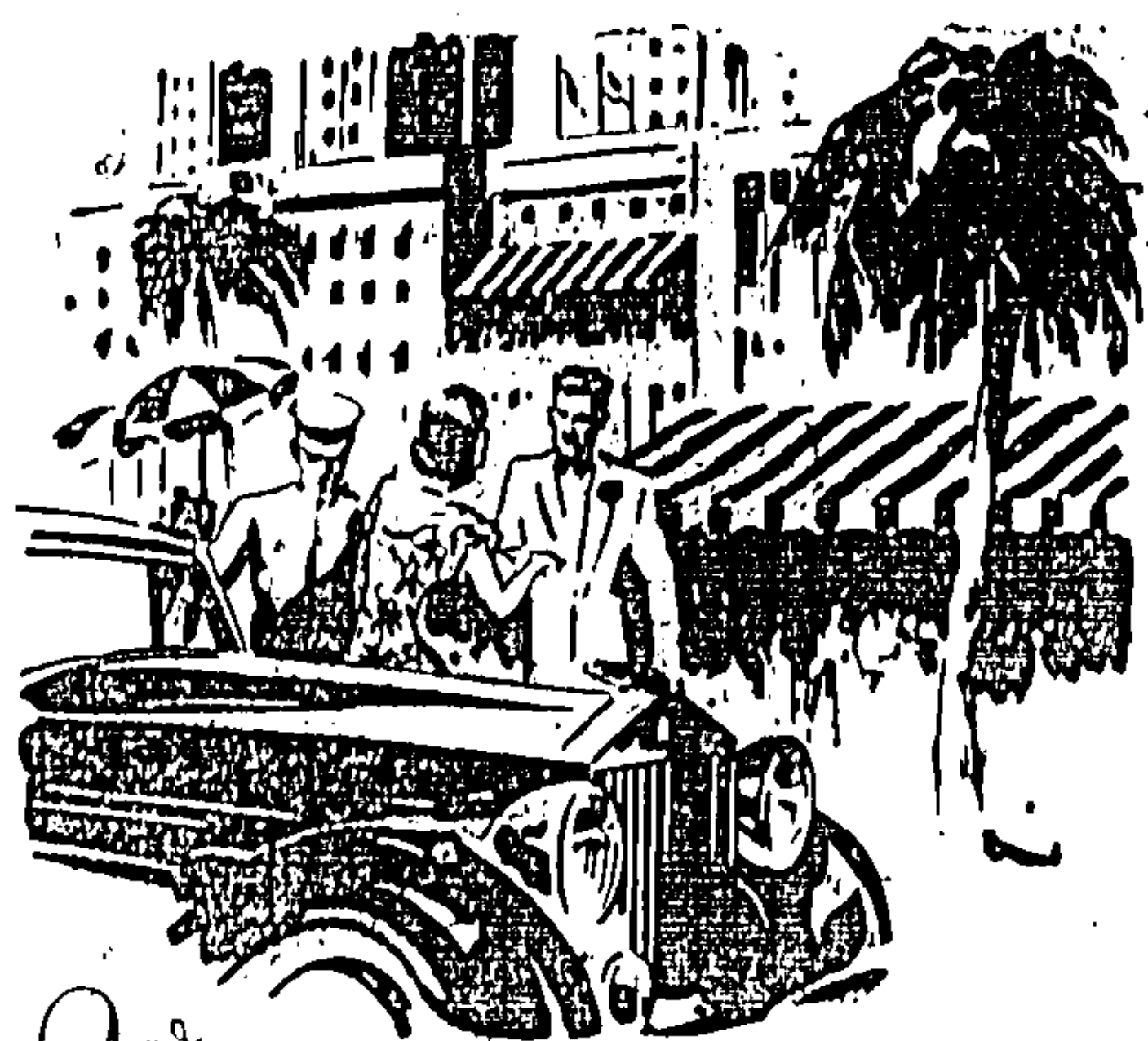


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Franco's daughter marks engagement

Madrid, December 18.
The engagement of Carmen Franco, 22-year-old only child of General Franco, and the Marquis de Villaverde, 27-year-old Madrid doctor, was announced tonight at a family reunion at El Pardo Palace.

The doctor's parents, the Count and Countess Argillo, asked for Carmen's hand for their son, and the two young people exchanged gifts.

Carmen gave her future husband a gold watch and a gold cigarette case, and he presented her with a bracelet of diamonds set in platinum.

The family gathering was followed by a supper, served by Pedro Chicote, a well-known Madrid barmen, for about 25 people. The marriage will take place next April, it is expected.—Reuter.

UN DECISION ON JERUSALEM DEPLORED

London, December 20.
Mr. Leonard Stein, retiring President of the Anglo-Jewish Association, today described the United Nations decision to internationalise Jerusalem as manifestly valueless as a contribution to a generally acceptable settlement.

"It is difficult to conceive what interests save those of the mischief-makers can be served by a decision so remote from the realities of the situation," he told the Association's annual general meeting here.

Declaring that the unhappy tension between Britain and Israel had of late shown signs of relaxing, Mr. Stein added: "We may look forward to a time when there will be fruitful co-operation between these countries not only in their own interests but to the advantage of the entire Middle East."

Mr. Stein said that of the 11 million Jews who survived the war, nearly three million were imprisoned in the Soviet Union or other parts of the Russian empire.

There they were "no longer singled out for persecution as

Jews but demonized by the circumstances, or in some cases the suppression of their established institutions, compelled to accept the leadership imposed on them by the State and exposed to the full impact of the Communist war on religion.

British Jews

"British Jews are, and will remain, British Jews, and have no intention of being anything else. British Jews would not be Jews if they were unprepared to live to the events now in progress in Israel," Mr. Stein said.

"We are not called upon to applaud uncritically whatever may be said or done in Israel but there is not one of us who does not rejoice at the progress made in the past 12 months."

Referring to the work of the Consultative Council of Jewish Organisations in Britain, Mr. Stein said: "Concerned though we are that justice should be done to Jews, the battle we are helping to fight is a battle for the rights and dignity of human beings regardless of religion, race or colour."

"There is no question of asking for any privileged status," Mr. Ewen E. S. Montagu, second son of the second Lord Swaythling, was elected President of the Association. Mr. Montagu is a King's Counsel and a Judge Advocate of the Fleet and Recorder of Devon.—Reuter.

Water reserves in NY shrink

New York, December 20.
The city's precious water reserves continued to shrink as the weather man predicted some water, but not much, in the New York watershed.

Edward Clark, chief engineer for the City Water Department, said today that the reservoirs fell another 235,000,000 gallons during the past 24 hours and had dropped to the 88,080,000,000 mark, about one-third of capacity. Water Department officials plan to study supply and weather conditions for a few days before deciding whether to call for another "waterless" day such as last Friday.—United Press.

COMICS TO TELL ABOUT U.S.

Washington, December 19.
The U.S. State Department has turned to the comic book technique to tell non-Communist Asia about American heroes.

Officials said today that an experimental order for 200,000 copies of a picture story series on great Americans is due for delivery next month.

They will be sent to South Korea, Thailand, Viet Nam (French Indo-China) and Indochina. The hope is that through hand circulation, information about the history and background of the United States will be spread widely in areas under strong Communist pressure.

The new series will include pamphlets on the careers of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Walt Whitman, Abra-

Boy stung to death by jellyfish

Melbourne, December 19.
A giant jellyfish stung a 10-year-old boy to death on a North Queensland beach today. The father, desperately trying to fight off the fish, was unable to chase it away in time.

The young victim, Brian Andrew McNamara, died in agony after the giant jellyfish wrapped itself around his legs and body on North Mission Beach, 17 miles from Tully. After his father had hit and kicked it, the fish slid away and escaped out to sea.—Associated Press.

ham Lincoln, Andrew Carnegie, Jane Adams, Thomas A. Edison and George Washington Carver, the Negro scientist and educator. Wordings in the native languages.

Libraries and other agencies of the State Department's Public Affairs Division already on the scene will distribute the booklets, a public showing of American documentary films and "other such occasions."

American libraries operate in all the countries.

The first order was prepared by three artists under the direction of Mr. Philip Copp, New York publisher. The cost was US\$24,000 with lower costs expected for additional copies.

The cover is in two colours, but the drawings are black and white. Sturdy paper was ordered so the pamphlets will withstand long hand-to-hand distribution.—Associated Press.

Berne, December 19.
The Irish Foreign Minister, Sean MacBride, today signed the second interim report of the Red Cross Conventions drafted in Geneva last summer. His country was the 52nd nation to sign.—Reuter.

This may lead to something



We've seen model birds, florists, furniture, artificial flowers, fruit and vegetables, and nearly all manner of things decorating women's hats. These pictures, made during the National Poultry Show at Olympia, London, may lead to new headgear styles. In this case, the head decorations are live poultry (left to right), a silk, a five-toed crested brood of domestic fowl with soft fluffy plumage; a Polish bantam and a Belgian millicleur. Miss June Shaw of Reading is the model. (Associated Press Photo).

THE STORY BEHIND "MR. X's" RESIGNATION

(By AIR-MAIL
From OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)
London, December 14.

American commentators treat as important the resignation of Mr. George Kennan, the director of the policy-planning staff of the State Department.

Mr. Kennan claims to be resigning for the same reason which has led other high civil servants in America to leave Government service.

They cannot live on civil salaries. In order to bring up their families they must seek the larger incomes which are to be had in private enterprise.

But the general interpretation is that Mr. Kennan has resigned because his proposals for closer Anglo-American co-operation have been rejected.

Mr. Kennan sprang to fame in 1947 when it became known that he was the "X" who had appeared as author of a sensational article on Russian foreign policy in the magazine "Foreign Affairs."

He is a career diplomat with a record of distinguished service. In the last two or three years he has certainly been in the centre of American policy making, and is regarded as the leader of those who want American policy to be based on the closest possible Anglo-American union, leading perhaps in the end to federation.

Best base

The argument of this school is that the practical co-operation of Great Britain and America already goes far beyond that of any other nation in the world. It is a school of thought which has been in the forefront of American policy making since the end of the war.

It is therefore the best base on which to build. If it continues, that will be the real guarantee of re-unity of all the West European countries.

A rival school, it is said, is led by Mr. Harriman, the "Ambassador in Europe" of the Economic Co-operation Administration.

This school wants to see Great Britain forming part of a West European bloc. American policy will then be given to this bloc collectively, not to Great Britain in particular.

There will be no question of a British-American federation, Mr. Harriman is said to be especially influenced by the French, who look with great suspicion on an exclusive America-British relationship.

Bad habit

According to the commentator, Mr. Harriman's view has prevailed, at least for the time being, some of them are unhappy about it.

travelling from New Jersey, where he had been staying during the United Nations General Assembly, and waited at Pakistan House in New York for a summons to the Canadian delegation offices.—Reuter.

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Island outposts get together

By G. D. K. M'cormick

Follow me in your imagination on a swift journey round the lonely but romantic outposts of our Empire in the vast Pacific Ocean.

It is fascinating to see what a wealth of colour, drama and energy there is in the hundreds of little specks on the map which depict the far-flung network of our Pacific possessions.

For the first time in history these islands will be brought into close touch with one another early next year. The leaders of the Polynesians, Melanesians and Micronesians will meet round a conference table to discuss their common needs and problems.

British delegates will join with representatives of American, French, Dutch, Japanese, and the independent Kingdom of Tonga at Fiji under arrangements made by the South Pacific Commission.

Aircraft will be chartered to bring some delegates from islands which have no regular link with the outside world.

This mammoth conference is already causing headaches in Suva, Fiji's capital. The town is overcrowded as it is and plans are being made to rush up temporary accommodation for the visitors.

Health-minded

Public health problems, how to fight disease and methods of food preservation are subjects which will rank high on the conference's agenda.

For suddenly the South Sea Islands, for so long indifferent to ailments of civilization, are becoming very health-minded.

An instance of this is provided in New Guinea, where Australian medical experts are conducting a probe into why the natives of Manus have a superior physique and health record to most of the others.

It is believed that the islanders' special diet is the clue to this query.

Americans, making a similar study in their Pacific territories, have found that a coconut diet

helps to pep up tired Western stomachs. Mr. Strachey might ponder on the possibilities of varying our food for better with some of the delectable food products of our Pacific colonies.

A discovery

Talking of coconuts reminds me that the days of discovery are not yet numbered in the Pacific Ocean. A New Zealand whaler, cruising in these waters, reports a prospect which should tempt any 1940 would-be colonizer, or escapologist with an eye to founding a new home on an uninhabited island.

There would appear to be worthwhile pickings for any industrious voyager in the equatorial region North West of Tahiti, that legendary paradise of Robert Louis Stevenson and the painter Gauguin.

There is an uninhabited island called Flint, an atoll three miles long by half a mile wide, on which are growing thousands of coconuts, the remains of a plantation abandoned some years before World War II.

So here is a chance for island home hunters. Flint Island, according to my New Zealand informants, is yours for the picking. And, for anyone else who is interested, there are ten other unwanted atolls in the same area.

Recently, the New Zealand ship Kanieri visited Flint Island, and put ashore a painted boarding party, which was under British sovereignty.

Do people emigrate from Britain to islands such as these? Apparently some still do, for I have before me an advertisement from a Mr. William H. Watson, a merchant on Rarotonga. It states:

Stable characters

"In the hope that I may assist some desiring people in the Old Country to find new opportunities in a New World (the South Pacific Islands), I decided to start a non-profit employment agency in the area."

Mr. Watson goes on to describe how he advertised in British newspapers and sent questionnaires to all who replied. He gave a list of British men who sought a life in the South Sea Islands. What sort of men are these

What you should know about Christmas

CHRISTMAS seals were originated in Denmark in 1904, by a postal clerk, to raise money for charity. The idea was adopted in the U.S. in 1907, by a private organization. Christmas stamps are issued by several governments now to raise money for health purposes.



adventurers? Here are a few examples:—33, married, 14 years' grocery experience with a Scottish firm. Man aged 28, married, general engineer.

These sound stable enough characters, with no will-o-the-wisp romanticism about them.

Certainly there is scope for the weirdest trades in the island. Beachcombing is now an honourable profession with some. One man makes a round of twenty islands every few months simply to collect the odds and ends of the beach to sell in his bazaar in the Cook Islands.

The Tahitian administration is offering a bonus for rats. Tails should be sent to Papeete, whereupon payment will be made, but the inhabitants of Uturoa Island find it too much trouble to pick up the tails and post them, so they are asking that payment should be made on presentation of the tails locally.

Honey and beeswax have a score of uses in the Cook Islands. The honey is used for making beer, wine and a fiery, sweet liqueur, while the wax is used for

candles and home-made "cement." Honey is used freely in cooking, stuffing meat as well as for cakes.

Copra and bananas

Proud Tonga's proudest boast is that she has been a self-governing State within the Commonwealth with a Friendship Treaty with Britain since 1900.

Tonga has made considerable progress agriculturally. Her chief exports are copra and bananas. Naturally, she goes to sell more bananas to banana-starved Britain.

The high prices now being paid for copra are helping the State to build up a healthy surplus as well as to finance medical, educational and building projects.

Despite the remoteness of the Mother Country from these islands British customs are increasing. Particularly is this so in sport. Tennis is now so popular that it is played all night in some islands on flood-lit courts.

Football? There is a club called the Hibernian in Samoa, and its record is: Played 32, won 32, goals for 173, against 36.

Raising sheep a headache here

By James Whit

Not many people would change jobs with Peder Nielsen, sheep-farmer. His is more than just the tough life of the average sheep-farmer, for his farm is in Greenland and only just South of the Arctic circle.

Like all sheep farms in Greenland, Peder Nielsen's lies at the edge of a fjord. Though Southern Greenland is fairly ice-free in summer there are no roads in the mountainous interior so all transport must be done by sea. Consequently, though good grass is often found inland, the difficulties of carrying building materials and provisions across country make it impractical to live anywhere but by the coast.

Peder Nielsen has lived five of his 30 years in the snug wooden hut which he shares with his wife and children. Without them he would be even lonelier for it takes several hours by motor boat to reach his nearest neighbour.

In winter the Nielsens are usually completely cut off from the world by the ice which seals the fjords and often covers the ground round his house. But they prefer the frost, though hard, life in the country to living in the town of Godthaab where he was brought up. His father was Danish and his mother Eskimo. Though he lives in a Danish colony Peder does not feel himself Danish. But he will not like you to call him an Eskimo either. He is a Greenlandic.

Mostly ice

Having made up his mind to be a sheep farmer, Peder Nielsen said good-bye to his family in Godthaab one summer day and sailed South of Julianehaab, Greenland's largest settlement. Here he became a student at the government sheep-farming station. After three years' study he obtained a government loan to buy building materials and equipment and, even more important, a number of sheep to start his farm. He had already chosen a fertile-looking spot on Igalik fjord and it wasn't long before he had built himself a house.

Nature never intended Greenland to be a sheep country. 80% of it is covered with ice as much as a mile thick. In winter even the ice-free coastal districts are often covered with snow or a thin layer of ice, making it im-

possible for the sheep to get through to the grass. Often Peder's sheep stray down to the water's edge to eat seaweed. In a hard winter many starve, and he is powerless to aid them. If he is not at hand to help them back over the ice around many will be drowned by the incoming tide. Winter fodder is difficult to come by in this barren country. But Greenlandic sheep will eat anything—ever dried and pickled fish!

Nevertheless sheep-farming has recently prospered in Greenland since the first sheep were introduced from the Faroe Islands in 1916. Today more and more Greenlanders are taking to sheep-farming for it pays well. A man with several hundred sheep can earn a yearly income of about £500—tax-free! That is money in Greenland.

The most suitable breed of sheep has been found to be the hardy Icelandic type. The first batch of Faroese sheep did well. But when the Greenland Administration became interested in the experiment, in 1913 and imported a number of British sheep these failed to do so well. Accordingly when the Administration set up the sheep station at Julianehaab two years later, they rounded up all the Faroese and British sheep and butchered them one and all. They were immediately replaced by Icelandic sheep. By the autumn of 1918 there were some 22,000 ewes in the South West of Greenland, mostly round Julianehaab.

Hard winter

Last year, however, it was exceptionally cold (often 40 degrees of frost). Some half of the entire sheep population died. The winter lasted longer than usual and almost all lambs born before the middle of May died. Igalik was hit hardest and out of a total flock of 5,100 only about 1,400 survived the winter.

Though he suffered losses Peder Nielsen was one of the luckier ones. Most of his several hundred sheep survived. But he got practically nothing for his fleeces as most of his sheep lost their wool. During the summer he had made his long journey into the interior on his shaggy Icelandic pony to procure hay. Though, like most Greenlanders, he has no proper shelter for his sheep, he kept them round the house all winter so that he could feed them and tend them at lambing time.

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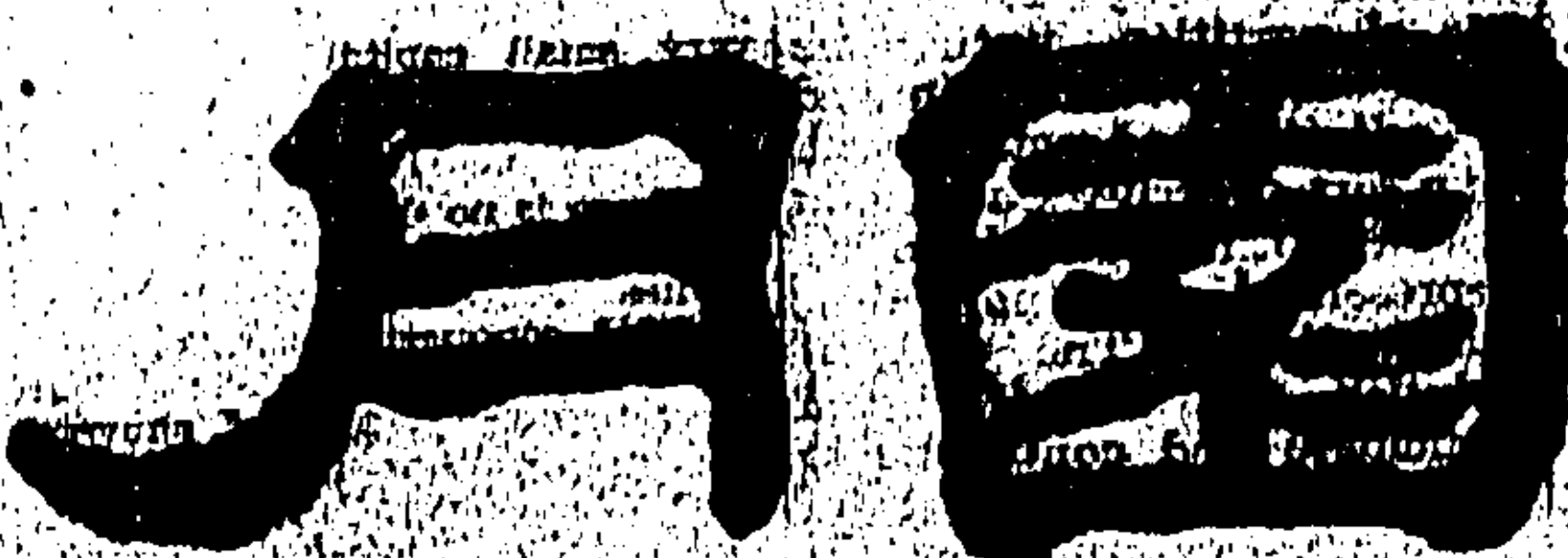
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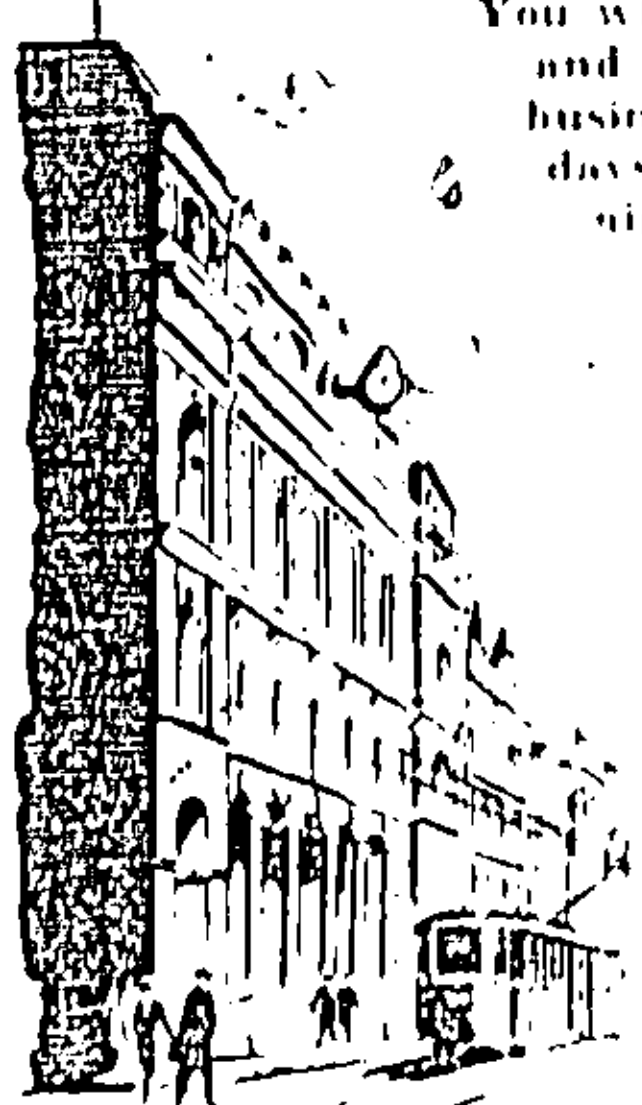
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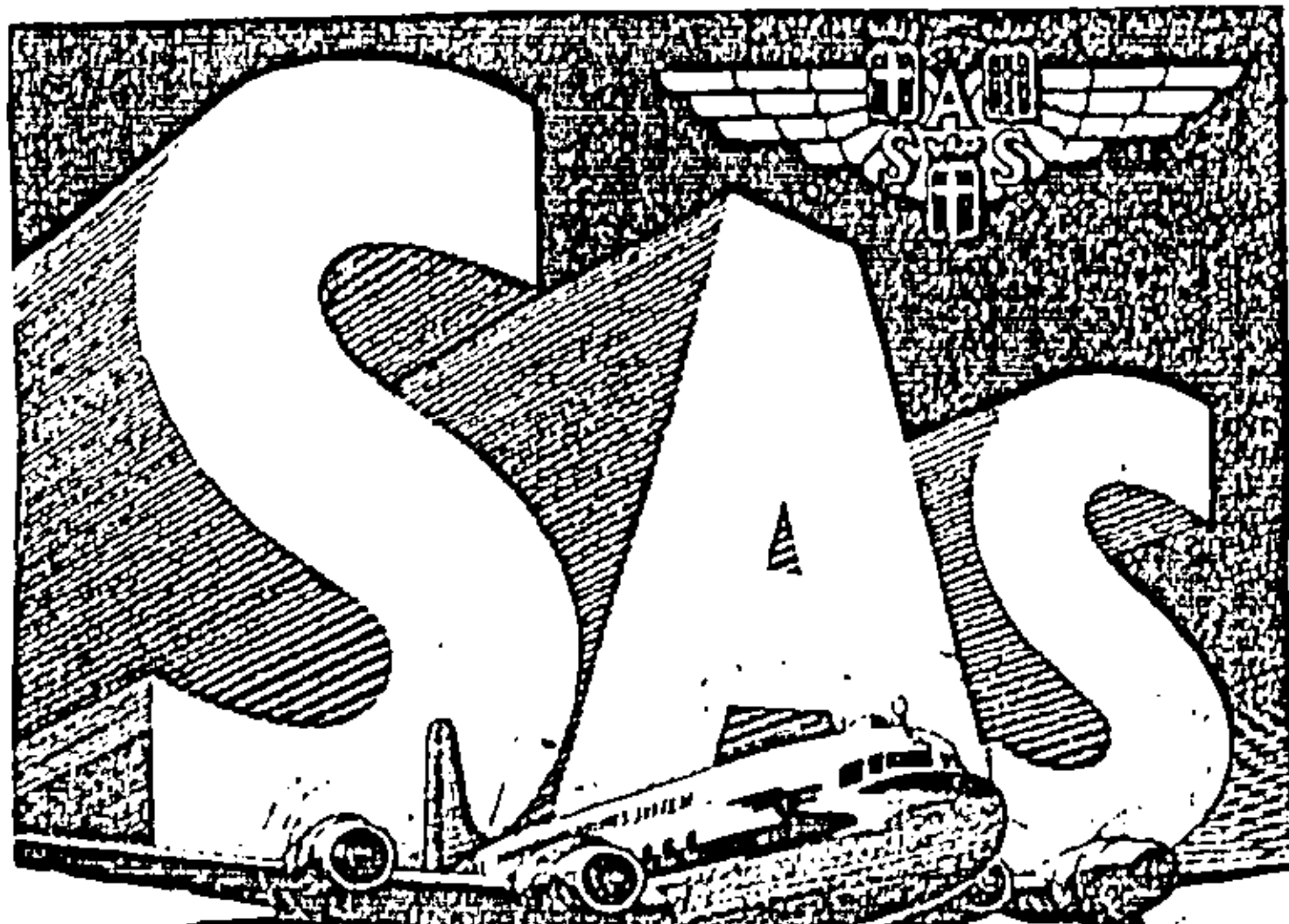


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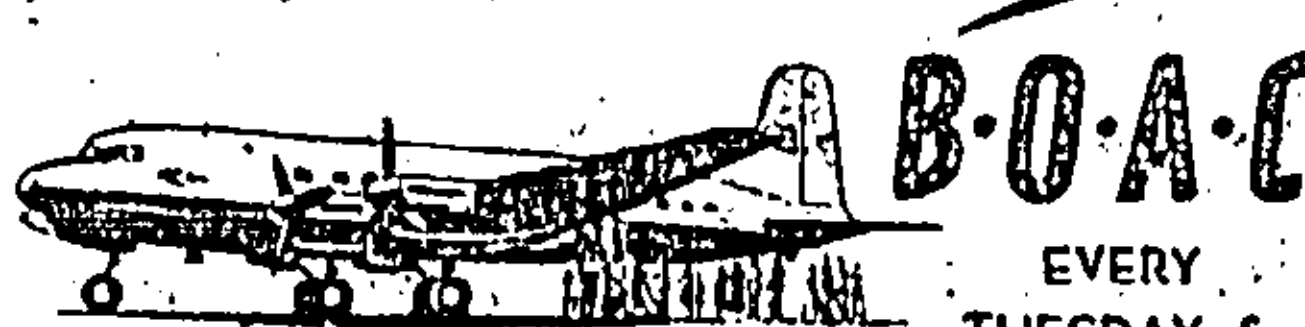
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IN MEMORIAM

WONG In ever-loving memory of Sumay, lost in the plane crash, over Basalt Island, December 21, 1944.

My spirit will fly over mountains and seas, rolling high.
Swift home to thy fair golden shore.
Thy wanderer again nevermore.

KASHMIR AS A KEY TO UNITY

In the cold war that is now being waged at ever-increasing tempo in the Far East there is hardly a development in all Asia that is irrelevant. Kashmir is far away, and the dispute has gone on so long that the impatient, or headless, might well wish it were farther away still. But it is of the most vital importance in the mobilisation of Commonwealth weight and authority in the struggle for peace and security now going on.

Events in China represent an enormous displacement of the balance of power as compared with even a year ago. It may be more apparent than real that has yet to be shown. The United States is hastening the inevitable emergence of Japan, as a partial makeweight for lost ground. The Commonwealth looks to India as a major balancing factor.

Meanwhile Kashmir is a liability all round. It is a persistent irritant in the relations between India and Pakistan, and therefore a source of weakness to both, and to the Commonwealth as a whole. There is nothing either party can lose by a Kashmir agreement that will not be outweighed by the general gain.

The difficulties are peculiar. There is, for example, the passionate complex of Pandit Nehru's personal attitude as a native Kashmiri which makes it so un-negotiable. There are also problems of prestige and feeling in both India and Pakistan contributing to the same sense of impotence. These delicate complications no doubt prompted the decision to put the problem into the hands of the United Nations instead of settling it within the Commonwealth as a more or less domestic issue.

Now an ingenious compromise has been decided upon which may break the deadlock to which the United Nations Commission has confessed. The present Chairman of the Security Council is the Canadian delegate, General McNaughton. He thus unites in his own person both the United Nations and the Commonwealth. The Council has authorised him to meet informally with the Indian and Pakistan delegates in the hope of advancing a settlement.

The present problem is to solve outstanding issues, which have been narrowed down to a few hitherto intractable points, so as to allow of the final settlement in Kashmir itself. For this role the American Admiral Nimitz was nominated a long time ago. He cannot function while the two parties differ on important points.

It would be better still if the whole question could be solved in informal talks at Lake Success. That is perhaps too much to hope for. But a large measure of success in these talks might well reduce the ultimate task to one merely of supervision. The new move is welcomed certainly by the Indian position and by the Chinese

One hundred feet below the surface of Vienna's busy international zone, a score of industrious beechcombers are at work, night and day.

They are panning the silt of the city's 2,000 miles of sewers and underground tunnels for gold and precious stones. It was raining hard in Karl's Square when descended the narrow iron spiral with a police patrol on its regular tour of duty in the underworld labyrinth.

We were wearing two pairs of denim each, and long, heavy, nail-studded leather boots, well greased to keep out the water. The patrol was armed, and carried torches, emergency flares tucked into the tops of their boots. A small flashlight made up the equipment of the party.

After we had rounded four or five bends in the staircase, the street noises and the hum of the rain were suddenly cut off, the air became humid and evil smelling, and darkness closed in upon us. I was astonished at the size of the sewers with the main channel big enough to drive a train through. Ten men can walk abreast in the smaller passages.

Feeble glare

Suddenly, I was aware of a feeble glare, at first faint, and then getting louder with every step we took. Rounding a bend we were confronted by a giant waterfall, with a racing torrent of black ugly water pouring over its crest at tremendous speed.

Here the final scenes of "The Third Man" were made. The patrol leader proudly showed me the pillar behind which Orson Welles hid, while the police patrol in which he took part—carried on the manhunt for him at a lower level.

Our patrol then clambered over a number of small bridges, and up and down steel ladders, until we reached another level, where the tunnels narrowed, and the flow ran quieter and more smoothly. In the distant gloom we suddenly saw a flicker of light. As we drew nearer the patrol leader called out a peremptory challenge, and the searchlight was switched on.

Under the feeble glare of a primitive carbide lamp, a small, swarthy, grey-haired man sat leaning over a worn leather satchel. Franz Spiechall was well known to the policemen, and had permission to come down to hunt for "treasure troves."

He showed me his day's takings, spreading out the satchel contents along the slippery side of the sewer.

An 'apprentice'

His "treasure" included coins of all sorts, from modern French francs, American dimes and Russian rubles, to old coins of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy, some of them more than 100 years old;

which gives consent, also by Pakistan. Relations between the top leaders have always been friendly, even when controversy seemed most heated. But one dispute has been piled on another, even in the economic field. In a psychological sense, the situation is so serious as to call for a determined effort to give an entirely different direction to the course of events. No better beginning could be made than in a happy Kashmir settlement.

The British Foreign Secretary has referred to the great potential weight of the Commonwealth nations of the Indo-Pacific areas. Uniform action is desirable on the question of recognition of the new Chinese regime. It is even more necessary in the implementation of the broad policy to which this act is merely the opening of the door. Kashmir is the main obstacle to such a united front which, once established, would have a profound effect on the whole future of Far Eastern diplomacy.

It has been suggested that a new U.N. Commission be appointed. It is to be hoped this won't be necessary. Informal talks may be more productive if directed on entirely new lines. They should be developed so that Kashmir, now the line of acute division, may become instead a unifying link between the two Dominions.

There will never be a permanent remedy for all the ills of partition until some provision is made for united consultation and action, such as a sort of Privy Council, in which both Dominions are represented, for the Indian sub-continent. The political solution of Kashmir should anticipate and contribute to such a final settlement of Indo-Pakistan relations. If the problem is taken out of the narrow complex of Nationalistic rivalries, and put on the higher plane of subcontinental and Commonwealth solidarity, a solution will be found.

SEARCHING FOR GOLD IN THE CITY OF WALTZES

By Ritchie McEwen

gold tooth-fillings and shiny, coloured beads, rifle and pistol ammunition, political party emblems, cigarette lighters, and a host of other nicknacks.

"I first came down into the sewers as a nipper with an old man who used to hunt for coins," said Franz. "The first time I ran away, as the darkness and the rats frightened me. But I soon got used to it, and came down quite a lot."

"When the depression came

along in 1929, and I was out of work, I thought of the old man and the sewers, and tried my hand at the game. I've been here now most days for 18 years. I average about 50 schillings a day, which isn't a bad wage, and I'm my own boss."

Franz lives in two rooms, in one of the big blocks of workers' flats, with his wife and five children. "My eldest boy didn't fancy the game at all, and works for a building firm, but the second lad

is learning the art of panning with me and will carry on when I'm too old," he added.

Nazi badges

Then, dressed in an old suit of denim, a cloth cap, and thigh waders, Franz waded into mid-stream and, using a long-handled, heavy shovel, carefully scooped up the silt from the bed of the channel into a large sieve. When it was full he expertly riddled and washed it until all the refuse was washed away, leaving a collection of old nails and a variety of oddsments.

I noticed a large number of shot, and was told they came from the mine merchants' sewers, and are used to scour out the wine casks and bottles.

Carefully, nails and other "iron" objects were removed from the sieve with a powerful magnet. The rest of the "haul" he carefully put in half-an-hour can rise six feet or more, and if you are not careful, the side channels are under water and blocked up and you cannot get out. Several have been drowned that way."

Here, I noticed, the water level was rising rather rapidly, so we moved on leaving Franz and his satchel under the carbide flare.

Escape route

Before the thirties, this underground maze of tunnels and sewers harboured large numbers of dangerous criminals. Murderers hid from justice, and escaped convicts made their homes here. It was, in short, a veritable thieves' kitchen.

Wenzl Kopsky, perhaps Austria's most notorious killer and housebreaker, ran his burglary school here in the twenties. "It was said that Kopsky could open any safe then made, with skeleton keys and by ear alone. The methods of housebreaking he taught his pupils are still used by lawbreakers in Vienna."

First he would select a likely shop or house to burgle, such as a jeweller's, and then bore a hole through the drain under the building until he reached the floorboards. He and his apprentices worked a few hours every day, the traffic noises deadening the sound of their tunnelling.

Then, when all was ready, he would break through, during the night, and make off with the loot down the sewers, coming up miles away from the scene of the crime. Kopsky killed six policemen in sewer gun-fights before being trapped—above ground—and hanged.

Matters were so serious by the early thirties that a special squad of police was formed to patrol the sewers. When Hitler took over Austria, one of the first things the Nazis did was to organise a sewer-to-sewer manhunt, and round up hundreds of undesirable.

Since then no one has been al-

London comments:

Chinese Reds and overpopulation

By "Windrush"

There were two articles on the Far East in the magazines recently.

In the "New Statesman," Michael Lindsay continues his series of articles on the Chinese Communists. He argues that the Communists will now have to face the basic economic and social problem of China, which is overpopulation. How will they set about it?

Michael Lindsay says that the recent Communist writings suggest that only 25 per cent of the cultivable land in China is actually cultivated. If even a part of the residue could be brought under the plough, the problem would be solved, or much eased, but Lindsay adds that non-Communist writers are sceptical about the figures.

One way of dealing with a population crisis is birth control. "The Communists have the techniques of mass education which would make it possible to stabilise the population before it had increased much beyond its present figure." But the traditional Communist line is to refuse to admit the existence of a population problem. That there may be a struggle between "scientific" Communists who are in favour of birth control and the "doctrinaires" who oppose it.

The "Economist" discusses the external policies of the new China. This article, entitled "China looks South," is an important one, all the more so because it is published a little before the Colombo Conference.

Outlook alarming

The "Economist" says that though no great violence has yet been done to the remnants of foreign interests in China, the outlook for the future is still alarming.

The Peking conference of Asian and Australasian trade unions has brought into being a Far Eastern Cominform. "What is most striking in the new Chinese Cominform programme is that it is to be applied over a region in which the Chinese imperial monarchy formerly held undisputed paramountcy. And in which large Chinese communities have been built up in modern times by emigration from China. It is also the region which, in the abortive Japanese plan for Greater East Asia, was to have been completely separated from all contact or connection with the West, and included together with China, in a bloc of states under Japanese hegemony."

"The propaganda against Anglo-America which poured forth from Tokyo only five years ago has now been taken over, sometimes in identical phrases, by Communist China, and with it the basic idea of Greater East Asia, though in the new version the hegemony will be not Japan's but China's."

"Communism has been able to outbid the Kuomintang as the prospective champion of Chinese nationalism in most of its claims and aspirations."

The "Economist" argues that the Kuomintang after the war could not pursue a forward policy either in the North or the South. In the North it dared not provoke Russia. In the South it was held in check because of its dependence on America. Today, the Communists are unlikely to challenge Russia in the North or in Manchuria.

But in return for their acceptance of a treaty position in Manchuria which was not of their making, they have the support of the Russian bloc for a forward policy in the South. The Communist technique is one which promises the best returns on a very small capital of national military power.

Red methods

"There is no danger in the near future of Chinese fleets and armies following the Japanese path of conquest to the Bay of Bengal or the Timor Sea. But Communist methods, of subversive propaganda and intrigue, with the infiltration of armed bands, might have great success against weak or vacillating opposition in a region already full of disorder and unrest."

The principal article in the "Economist" is called "The Dilemma of Defence." It suggests that now that the plans of the Defence Ministers of the

Atlantic powers have been completed, the defence problem of the West is really only beginning. What exists at the moment is paper plans. The problem is to convert them into reality.

"If the Atlantic Pact organisation is to avert war, the defence of Europe must be on an infinitely stronger footing than it is at present. Specifically, the number of divisions physically located in Europe must be at least trebled within the next three years and there must be mobile reserves."

There must be a tactical and strategic air force, a system of radar detection in great depth, and sea communications protected by anti-submarine defence. These minimum requirements must exist not simply as premises to be redeemed in wartime but forces actually in being."

The problem for Britain is financial. How can she finance the cost of contributing to West European defence, as well as of discharging her defence commitments in the Middle East and the Indian Ocean? The economic implications are appalling. The defence budget, standing now at £800,000,000 may have to be increased. "There is a strong temptation to say that we cannot afford such a defence policy, and leave it at that."

The "Economist" knows that it would be fatal to fall into this temptation. But the temptation to the British public may be irresistible. If it continues to be left as much in the dark about the real facts of defence as it is at present, the "Economist" concludes its article with an attack on the complacent secrecy of the Minister of Defence.

U.S. influence

There can be little doubt that the most brilliant and stimulating article which has appeared during the week is by Bertrand Russell on the Political and Cultural Influence of America. This was in the "Listener."

Bertrand Russell argues that in the last 100 years America has completely changed its role—in the eyes of Europe. A century ago, when most of Europe was still under monarchical government, America symbolised all that the European liberal was struggling for. It meant democracy, freedom and progress. Today now that Europe has become socialist, America has come to be regarded by Europe as the stronghold of conservatism.

But Russell believes that America has influenced Europe profoundly and is continuing to do so. For America means a state of mind. It means the belief that men, by their own activity, can change the conditions of life and make existence more tolerable. This contrasts with the traditional view of Asia, and in part of Europe, too—that man is a passive thing, and that all or most of his efforts at reform end in disaster.

Russell adds that the country which has the closest resemblance to America is Soviet Russia. "There also there is optimism and energy, there is almost boundless belief in human power, there is determination to regard nature as providing opportunities rather than obstacles."

Russell does not ignore the unfavourable effects of American influence. American sentimentalism and American indifference to some of the values of European civilisation have lowered the standards of world culture. But Russell does value the buoyancy of America.

"When we are lectured by optimistic Americans we are apt to feel the kind of annoyance that a suffering patient feels with a doctor whose bedside manner is unduly cheerful. But we shall not solve our problems without a certain buoyancy of spirit of which, at the moment, America and Russia share the monopoly. "Austerity" is unavoidable at present, but it should resemble the frugality of a young man determined to succeed, not the parsimony of an old man, who fears to lose the last remnant of his former fortune."



"US intensifies drive to bring closer Nippon cultural ties." Frankly, I never did think these American ties cultural, even the ones with sunbaths on them.

So Berlin is going to have a Stalin Alley. I still prefer Sally in mine.

Toilet soap found on board cargo vessel. "Glad air, says Myrtle's grandfather, when I was apprenticed first we were lucky to get carbolic."

"Pope of Peace." The paraphrase will be taken from "Hiawatha."

"Bears carried his litter in teams of four, chanting: 'Oh Lord Buddha, lighten our load! Mr. Thomas said he lost 15 lbs during the experience.'"

You can't say Buddha isn't right on the job.

Beating the gun? The Dutch are mystified by a strange aircraft, which drops unidentified cylinders to the Indonesians.

Could be Santa Claus getting in early, I s'pose.

"British cabinet meets to study Peking." It should require very little Peking to show what is wanted.

More howlers. The climate of Bombay is such that its inhabitants have to live elsewhere.

The equator is a menagerie lion running round the earth and through Africa.

A bamboo is an Italian baby. Faith is the quality which enables us to believe what we know to be untrue.

A refugee keeps order at a football match. Henry VIII by his own efforts increased the population of England by 40,000.

A Soviet is a cloth used by waiters in hotels.

No, Myrtle, this "Soviet" speeding of 1,000 subs has nothing to do with Moscow gold.

Having got rid of his ulcers, Acting President Li announces that he will return to China to get rid of the ousters.

Yesterday's headlines: "PAA has no knowledge." "PAA to seek guidance."

And yet we keep hearing so much about this American know-how.

"Hundreds of enterprising dealers are being turned away without permission to hawk their wares on Vatican land."

Reminds me of the story of the three bars.

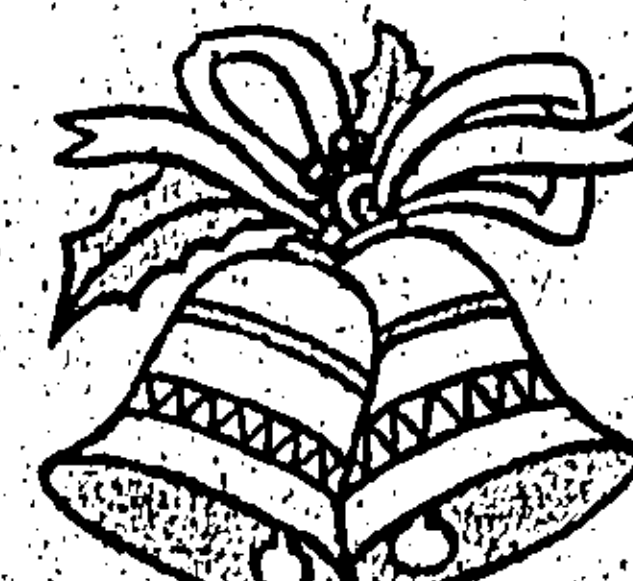
"Commonwealth countries planning simultaneous recognition of Peiping regime; Canada said cold."

Can't we keep these weather reports out of the diplomatic roundups?

lowed to go down the sewers without police permission, and there are day police patrols to enforce the law.

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CHINESE WARNING ON BLOCKADE OF PORTS

Taipeh sends note to State Department SHIPPING FIRMS INFORMED

Washington, December 19.

The Chinese Nationalist Government warned that it is taking effective measures to enforce its blockade of Communist-held Chinese ports, and that American vessels entering those waters do so at their own risk.

Formal warning came in a note from the Nationalist foreign office through the United States Consulate at Taipei.

The note recalled previous Nationalist announcements of their determination to close these ports, and stressed the recent announcement that Communist ports will be mined.

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Kuomintang remnants mopped up

San Francisco, December 19.

Peking Radio reported tonight that most of the Kuomintang troops on the Kwangsi-Kwangtung border have been mopped up.

Sixteen thousand Kuomintang troops were taken prisoner by the Communists from December 9 to December 14, the Radio said.

It added that in the hilly country in South East Kwangsi, 2,000 Nationalist officers and men, including an army commander and a deputy commander, were captured.

A number of Nationalist generals were among another 2,000 Nationalists taken prisoner East of Nanning, it is claimed.

The Radio also reported the Communist occupation of Loshan, Minkiang River port and the second biggest town in West Szechuan Province.

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America has not abandoned China, says Dr. Jessup

San Francisco, December 19.

The United States has not abandoned and will not abandon China or other countries of Asia and the Far East.

Dr. Philip Jessup, Administration adviser on the Far East, said so here today.

Dr. Jessup, Ambassador-at-large who leaves on Tuesday to investigate conditions in the Far East, summarised the principles which, he said, will guide the policies of the United States.

He said, "We are opposed to the Communist theory and practice of attempting to overthrow established governments by force or subversion."

"We are opposed to imperialism. We flatly and firmly reject it for ourselves and oppose it when practised by others."

"We shall continue to oppose in particular the imperialism of Soviet Russia in Asia."

Dr. Jessup will arrive in Japan on January 5. He will spend two months visiting all countries of the Far East and Asia, except Communist China.

He spoke at a luncheon sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Northern California and the American Association for the United Nations.

In Bangkok, Dr. Jessup will meet with American diplomats next month to discuss policies aimed at stopping the spread of Communism.

Recognition issue

Dr. Jessup reviewed the problems of the current United Nations General Assembly. He discussed country by country the difficulties encountered by the United Nations.

He added, "There will be no change on the part of the United States in its traditional and deeply rooted feeling of friendship for China."

Concerning the problem of recognition of the Communist regime in China, Dr. Jessup said the issue probably will come up soon in various councils of the United Nations.

He said, "The problem will have to be decided by separate organizations of the UN. The United States, as a loyal member, will abide by the results obtained by the UN organizations."—United Press.

**UPSET CAUSED
BY REFUGEES**

Paris, December 19.

A despatch by the French Press Agency (AFP) from Tien Yen, Indo-China, said today that some 30,000 Chinese Nationalist troops have crossed into Tonkin province, causing congestion and disorder along roads and in refugee camps.

The troops, from General Pai Chung-hai's Army, include five generals.

Also among the refugees are 700 women and about 400 children, some very young.

Most of the refugees are sleeping on the ground and fighting for a few sticks of wood with which to cook the rice they brought with them, the despatch said.—Associated Press.

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British business protests

London, December 20.

British commercial interests with £200 million at stake in China, have lodged a strong protest with the Government for delaying the announcement of British de jure recognition of the Chinese Communist regime.

The secretary of a representative body of big British business firms in China called at the Foreign Office yesterday. It is understood that he received assurances to the effect that the British Government have decided in principle to recognise the Peking Government and that the date of the announcement has been left to the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin.

Business concerns privately expressed the opinion that the announcement will be made before the end of this year, and most probably before Mr. Bevin leaves London on December 27 for the Colombo Commonwealth Foreign Ministers conference.

A spokesman of the China Association estimated British investments in China at between £170 and £210 million.

Official sources said that the announcement of recognition was held up first because it was hoped it would be possible to reach agreement on the form and time with the United States, and then because it was considered desirable to assess the policies of the new Governments in Australia and New Zealand.

It is understood that there had been party divergence of view so far, but authoritative American sources deprecated reports that the U.S. is postponing delay of the British recognition by injecting technicalities regarding Taiwan.

The consensus of all available informed opinion was that the announcement will come before the end of the year and probably before Mr. Bevin leaves London on December 27.

All official comment confirmed that the British have carefully examined the question in all its bearings, and are convinced that the advantages of recognition outweigh the disadvantages.—United Press.

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SE ASIA TALKS IN MANILA

Manila, December 20.

Plans for a conference of South East Asia nations here in March are virtually complete, sources close to President Elpidio Quirino said today.

Mr. Quirino has been a host before he announced on December 30 that he had been planning another meeting of the nations of South East Asia. The plan was to be held in Manila, and the conference would be held in the light of the Chinese Communist victories and probable recognition of Mao Tse-tung's regime by the British Commonwealth nations, the sources said.

Whether Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek or the Nationalist Government, now fighting for its life from Taiwan and a few isolated sections of South China, will be invited was not disclosed.

Efforts at present seem devoted to starting a working liaison between countries on the fringe of Communist-dominated China rather than adoption of any strong stand.—Associated Press.

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No change

The State Department never recognized the blockade as legal, and the new note means no change in the legality of the blockade, Mr. McDermott said.

When a reporter said that the Islander Company had expressed their determination to continue sending ships to Shanghai, Mr. McDermott said: "If the Islander line sends any ship, it has had its warning."

He said that the Nationalist note dated December 12, was delivered only on Friday.

It said: "The Chinese Government notes with regret that in spite of the closing of ports and territorial waters by the Chinese Government, a small number of foreign merchantmen ignored this order, in some instances causing incidents."

Safe conduct

"In order to avoid such incidents, the Chinese Government has decided that any American vessel remaining in the above-mentioned territorial waters and ports or their vicinities, shall be instructed promptly to leave such waters and ports within one week of grace beginning December 12. The military authorities of the Chinese government will be pleased to afford any such vessel safe conduct so as to avoid unnecessary risk. This does not apply to such ships as attempt to enter that area."

Mr. McDermott said that no American ship is in Communist waters now.

In London, the Nationalist Chinese Ambassador, Cheng Tien-hai, called on the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, at the Foreign Office, while Dr. C. Y. Cheng, Embassy Counselor, called at the United States Embassy today.

It is understood that their visits were in connection with the Chinese Nationalist Government's proclaimed intention of mining Communist-held ports on the China coast.

Informed sources said, however, that the Ambassador raised some other questions which he wanted to take up before Mr. Bevin's departure for Colombo.

The Indian High Commissioner, Krishna Menon, also called on Mr. Bevin today. Indian sources said his visit was in pursuance of the New Delhi talks between the Indian Prime Minister, Jawaharlal

Nehru, and the Burmese Foreign Minister, U E Maung, which included the question of recognition of the Peking government.

Foreign Office sources said the date for the announcement of recognition of the Peking Government was not yet decided and Mr. Bevin is being guided by day to day developments.

PI appointment

In Manila, the Philippines' Foreign Office announced the assignment of a Philippine Consul official for liaison work in Taipei.

He will keep the home office posted with daily developments in the island fortress of the Chinese Nationalist Government.

Mr. Garcia, former chief of the Philippine Liaison Office in Canton at present in Hong Kong, was instructed to proceed immediately to the Taiwan capital.

Other developments related to Taiwan were:

Customs officials, under orders from President Elpidio Quirino, began a close scrutiny of shipments done for Hong Kong to prevent export of such articles as amphibious landing equipment, halftracks and arms from Philippines war surplus stocks.

The Chinese Minister in Manila has complained that shipments of goods which would aid in the battle for Taiwan have been going to the Chinese Communists through Hong Kong.

Considerable numbers of Philippine naval patrol craft have been shifted to Northern Luzon and the Chinese government is reported to be sending arms out of the Philippines and to check on any attempts of Chinese to enter the Philippines illegally.

Ong Li-cheng, Minister of Chinese Overseas Affairs in the Nationalist Government, accompanied by his wife and daughter, arrived in Manila from Hong Kong last night on a P.A.L. plane. While a Nationalist spokesman said the Minister is in Manila to study cultural and educational affairs of Chinese in the Philippines, other sources said that his daughter, Lili Tai, plans to enter a school, indicating a lengthy stay.

Other Chinese on the same plane included Cheng Chih-chih, member of the Legislative Yuan, and Khoo Hang-ping, former Minister of Finance in the Fukien Provincial Government, the latter also accompanied by his wife.—United Press and Associated Press.

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Woman Today

Keeping clean for the party

By Iris Ashley

The time of year approaches fast when parties are in the air. But, as we know all too well, the word party does not always mean decking yourself out in sequins and tulle and going to a ball.

Very often it means a long day in the kitchen, and you yourself patting in and out with all the things you have been cooking.

As the hostess you want to look nice, but you do not want to ruin your best dress. We know what a bore it is to keep snatching an apron on and off as you fly in and out of the kitchen, and so suggest a snappy little number which will be quite all right over your dress till dinner is finished.

If you are good at sewing you can dream up something for yourself, bearing in mind the colour of your dress. For the young housewife a sort of Alice-in-Wonderland frock of white organdie or dotted Swiss muslin is charming.

I brought a very un-kitcheny affair back from America, made of heavy black linen piped with red, and with large pockets embroidered with red roses and pale green leaves. All my friends have tried to take it from me.

I like the little half-apron too. It is made of heavy linen with light cotton frillings. It is in clear colours, bright blue, deep pink, and pale green.

That polka-dot house dress saw while hunting around for aprons. This was in a special outside, and is much smarter than most overall dresses. It is made of washable rayon, has a nice wide classic collar, and buttons throughout as you see. The colours are royal blue with white dots, and wine with white.



Sketches by FRANCIS MARSHALL

She exhibits paintings at age of 87

One of Britain's oldest women artists came from her country home to London recently, to attend a private showing of her own work held with paintings by Augustus John and modern French masters at the Lefevre Gallery.

She is 87-year-old Dame Ethel Walker. She wore at the private show the scarlet waistcoat, cream shirt, and gold chain that she donned 60 years ago when she painted a self-portrait.

Dame Ethel expressed the hope that none of her paintings would be sold at the exhibition because she prefers to keep them. One of her beautiful exhibits was a study called "Still Life with Flowers". Her latest pictures showed no weakening of the hand or the eye and were marked round about 2160.

A member of the New English Art Club and of the Society of Mural Painters, she became an Associate of the Royal Academy in 1940 and three years later King George VI. honoured her by creating her a Dame of the British Empire—the equivalent of a knighthood for a man.

One of her finest paintings, "Newsday", was purchased by the Tate Gallery, London. She lives at Robin Hood Bay on the Beautiful coast of Yorkshire, England.

PANTRY-SHELF BEAUTY

By "Yuki"

Yes, beauty, like our dear friend charity, can begin at home, and I have a fascinatingly simple routine of kitchen shelf beauty for you.

All you do is open up your pantry, rummage around a little, and you'll really be surprised.

What's in that jar? HONEY? What isn't, because a little honey mixed to a smooth paste with milk makes a wonderful face-pack. All you have to do is smear it on your face, leave for 20 minutes, rinse off with warm water and accept the compliments. That is not hard, and no empty-pocketed maiden can say it's expensive.

Every mealtime you use SALT, so the salt cellar can't be far away. Of course, I don't suggest that you put salt on your face, but after all, having a smooth skin isn't having beauty.

What of your teeth? Where do they come in—or out? One can't possibly say you look beautiful when your teeth are discoloured and uncleaned-for. Take some salt and rub it into your gums as well as your teeth. It cleanses and purifies, and leaves your teeth sparkling.

Now don't say you have no EGGS because I just won't believe you. So if you have an oily skin, grab your egg-basket in one hand and dance your way to glamour, because a lightly-whipped white of egg, smeared on the face and removed the same way as the honey, leaves the skin as soft and fresh as a daisy.

And if you want sweet hands, whisk out the SUGAR, candy. When you've been working hard and your hands feel like so many

lumps of leather, grab some sugar, dampen it, and rub it into your hands. Then, when you've given it enough time to soak in, rinse your hands in warm water. Sugar sweetens more things than your tea.

Now you've come so far in your search, you might as well brew yourself a cup of tea, but don't even dream of throwing away the tea-leaves—at least, not while your "pools of loveliness" look so much like pools of murky dishwater.

Put sparkle in your eyes, make them talk... make them vital. Just put an eyepack of cold tea leaves across your eyes and relax for 10 minutes, giving the cool pack time to do its soothing work.

Now for the top shelf. I don't know about your pantry, but in my cupboard a very prominent bottle on the top shelf is the castor-oil bottle. Very good for tummy aches, but absolutely ideal for fingernails.

To make your fingernails pliable, rub castor-oil around them each night, and of course you would never dream of using steel instruments for cleaning your nails, or pushing the cuticles back into place.

An orange stick or a towel are the things for that. And if your nails are splitting, then castor-oil is the answer. So don't despise the old blue bottle!

You've probably heard of the "tracoe-sulphur" remedy, but how about trying it? If you have pimples and spots and are not entirely satisfied with the condition of your skin, mix a teaspoon of sulphur to three of tracoe or syrup and take a teaspoonful of this before breakfast.

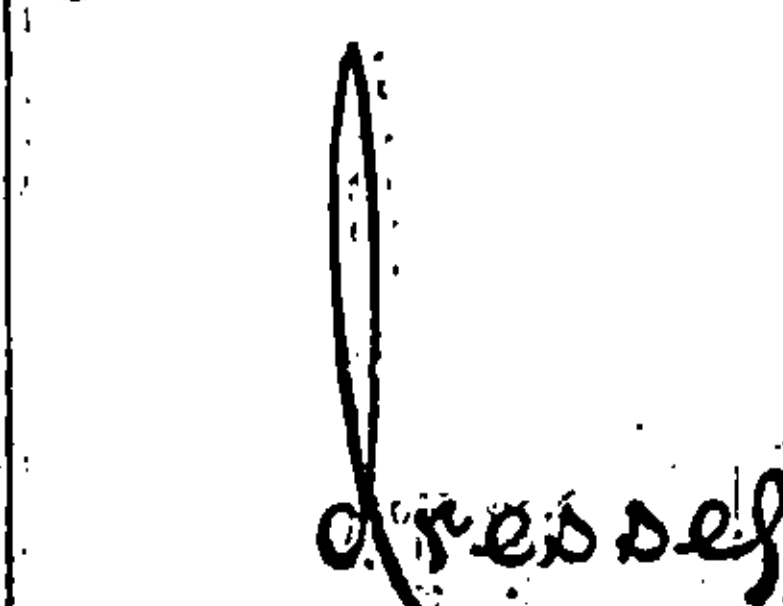
Do this until your spots vanish (it takes a surprisingly short time) and then reduce the dose

to once each week. If you can banish these spots, you are a long way toward achieving beauty.

There are lots more wonderful secrets stowed away in your pantry, if you only take the trouble to search them out. And so if you have thrown away all hopes of beauty because you think it is horribly expensive, I trust you won't be able to glance inside that cupboard again without blushing.

Ease your conscience by trying these home treatments, and, who knows, before long your savings may enable you to treat yourself to a beautician at the best salon in town.

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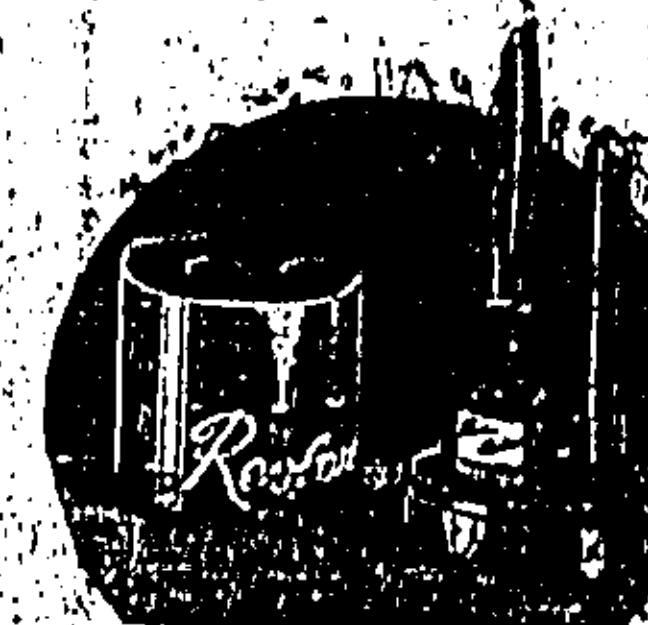
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WASHINGTON EXPECTS NEW SINO-RUSSIAN PACT TO BE SIGNED

Washington, December 19.

Senior American officials momentarily await news from Moscow that the Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, and the Soviet Premier, Josef Stalin, have concluded a mutual aid agreement.

The agreement, it is expected, will replace the treaty of friendship and alliance which the Russian leaders signed in August of 1945 with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist China.

While refusing to disclose positively whether they have received any direct word from Moscow on this subject, State Department officials make it plain that they have no doubt that a Sino-Soviet pact will result from the current meeting.

Mao arrived in Moscow last Friday to visit Soviet leaders. It was his first visit to the capital from which he has taken his ideological inspiration for more than 20 years.

American officials tried to discount rumors current in the United States during the past week-end that Mao is in Moscow principally to express his concern over Soviet infiltration into the industrial rich province of Manchuria.

They think that any Sino-Soviet pact on this point is many months in the offing.

Economic aid

The official assessment here is that Mao has gone to Moscow to determine how much Soviet aid he can count on in solving a multitude of economic problems which have been encountered since the Communists overran most of China.

During their evaluation on the pattern evolved in Eastern Europe, officials here think that the Soviet Union will promise

China all manner of economic aid, assure Mao that it has no designs on any Chinese territory and exhort him to continue the "people's revolution" in Asia.

As for Mao, it is felt here that he went to Moscow when he decided that any immediate chances of securing assistance from Western nations had gone.

It is pointed out that his only friends outside the Communist bloc so far appear to be Burma, which itself is in a state of anarchy, and possibly India, which has not even enough industrial goods for itself.

U.S. Theory

The consensus of American officials is that Mao, faced with this situation, had decided that he has nothing to get from Western nations within the next two years and therefore must make his approach to Moscow.

The expectation here is that the Soviet Union, once it has concluded a pact with Communist China, will use what is left of the Manchurian industrial establishment in an attempt to attract Chinese trade and supplies of industrial equipment and supplies.

However, State Department officials believe that unless Russia can move quickly in her bag than this, she eventually is doomed to failure in this newest experiment.

It is this upon which the United States Government is counting.

These 20 men most affected the world

New York, December 20.

Look magazine today carried a listing of 20 persons who had the most vital influence on the course of world affairs during the first half of the 20th Century.

Chosen by Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Harvard historian and Marquis Childs, Washington columnist, the list included seven Americans, two Britons, two Indians, three Germans, two Italians, two Russians. The men were:

Americans: Henry Ford, George Marshall, John D. Rockefeller, Sr., Franklin D. Roosevelt, Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson and the Wright Brothers. (Look considered the Wright brothers as a single selection.)

Britons: Winston Churchill and John Maynard Keynes.

Germans: Albert Einstein, Sigmund Freud, Adolf Hitler.

Indians: Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Nehru.

Italians: Benito Mussolini, Pope Pius XII.

Russians: Nikolai Lenin, Joseph Stalin.

Others were Madame Curie (French) and Sun Yat-sen (Chinese).

In attempting to narrow the list to 20 figures, the authors explained that they had compiled individuals who were symbols of

change. The list omits leaders in art, literature and philosophy. "A few will argue that this has been a century of great classic art," they said. "Things have moved too quickly. As a result, art has had little impact on people. It did not make history."

"It is a century of deeds rather than thinkers, of action rather than philosophy. Of those on the list, only six are now living. Three met violent deaths."

Commenting on individuals, Look said, "Churchill from the beginning seems to have saved all the equipment he would need for Britain's desperate fight in 1940."

Of Keynes: "He played a basic role in freeing the democratic socialism of Western Europe from the totalitarian influences of Karl Marx."

Of Gandhi: "His concept of non-resistance and return to simple life was like a pure light against the dark and bloody scene of the 20th century conflict."

Of Nehru: "Can he, as Prime Minister, consolidate the great

Samba on the ice



Maxie and Ernest Baler, former World Amateur Figure Skating Champions, are thrilling the patrons of an ice show at Krefeld, Germany, with this sort of breathtaking skating. They have worked out a Samba dance routine for the ice. In their hands—fact—the usually somewhat dull dance is transformed into a flashing, whirling spectacle. (AP Photo.)

Russian paper pooh-poohs doctor's theory

London, December 20.

Soviet children do not starve but grow up free and fearless people not daunted by North American or West Berlin cannibals, the Soviet trade union newspaper Trud said today, according to a Tass-Soviet news agency report received in London.

It commented on a statement by Dr. Bruno Harms, President of the Robert Koch Institute in West Berlin, that the world is threatened by over-population.

The article asserted that Dr. Harms' conclusion was obvious. "First, that 'superfluous' people should be destroyed, and, secondly, that those who will be ruthlessly permitted to remain alive should be forbidden to procreate without the permission of their superiors."

"Bruno Harms cannot conceal his anxiety at the fact that there are countries on the globe which have no 'superfluous' people," the article added.

"There are the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies. Their very existence blasts to smithereens the monarchical ravings of the pseudo-scientific man-haters to the effect that the

planet is unable to feed its inhabitants."

After saying that Dr. Harms demanded general birth control, not in the Western countries only, the writer declared that "What is troubling the West Berlin doctor, and still more his Western masters, is the increases in the birthrate in the Slav countries."

—Ituter.

UNIQUE PEARL FORMATION

Thursday Island, December 19.

The most unusual pearl formation ever found in the Torres Straits, was recently recovered by a diver here, it was disclosed today.

It consists of two pearls, one weighing 12 carats having a flat base with a cone-shaped cup at the top of the dome, and in this cup rests a flawless 4-carat gem.

Experts say that from a collector's point of view its value is priceless. —United Press.

BAO DAI TAKE-OVER NEXT WEEK

Saigon, December 19.

The Vietnam Government of the former Emperor of Annam, Bao Dai, will on December 30 formally take over power in French Indo-China—along whose North-Eastern border Chinese Communist troops are now reported to be grouped.

The joint Franco-Vietnam Commission announced the transfer here today, according to Agence France-Press.

The Commission had been working out transfer details under the March 8 agreement, whereby France recognised the independence of Vietnam within the French Union.

Its Secretariat denied a foreign press report of differences between the two parties, particularly over the transfer of security services.

It described a report that the French Federal Service will continue to exist in Vietnam as completely without foundation.

Agence France-Press had reported earlier that several thousand Chinese Communist pursues retreating Nationalists, had taken up positions on the frontier 60 miles from Tien-yen.

The French agency added that some 2,000 Nationalists had crossed into Indo-China in the past few days to be disarmed quietly and interned.

Inside Indo-China, it was officially announced, that a French post at Phou, 190 miles North West of Hanoi, had successfully beaten off 11 successive attacks by Viet-Minh (Annamite Nationalist Insurgent) forces.

The Viet Minh force, about three battalions strong and armed with mortars and automatic weapons, fired several hundred shells into the post before the French, with air support, forced them to withdraw.

French troops, attacking another Viet Minh base at Tan Lyen, 22 miles North of Saigon, destroyed an arms factory and captured several modern radio transmitters.

France today shipped 600 Foreign Legionnaires from Algiers to Indo-China.

The move was described officially in Paris as "the relief of forces whose overseas service had expired."

The international bridge of Moncay, in French Indo-China, which divides French and Vietnamese-held Moncay from the Chinese town of Tongling, now occupied by the Communists, has been re-opened, according to an Agence France-Press message from Hanoi.

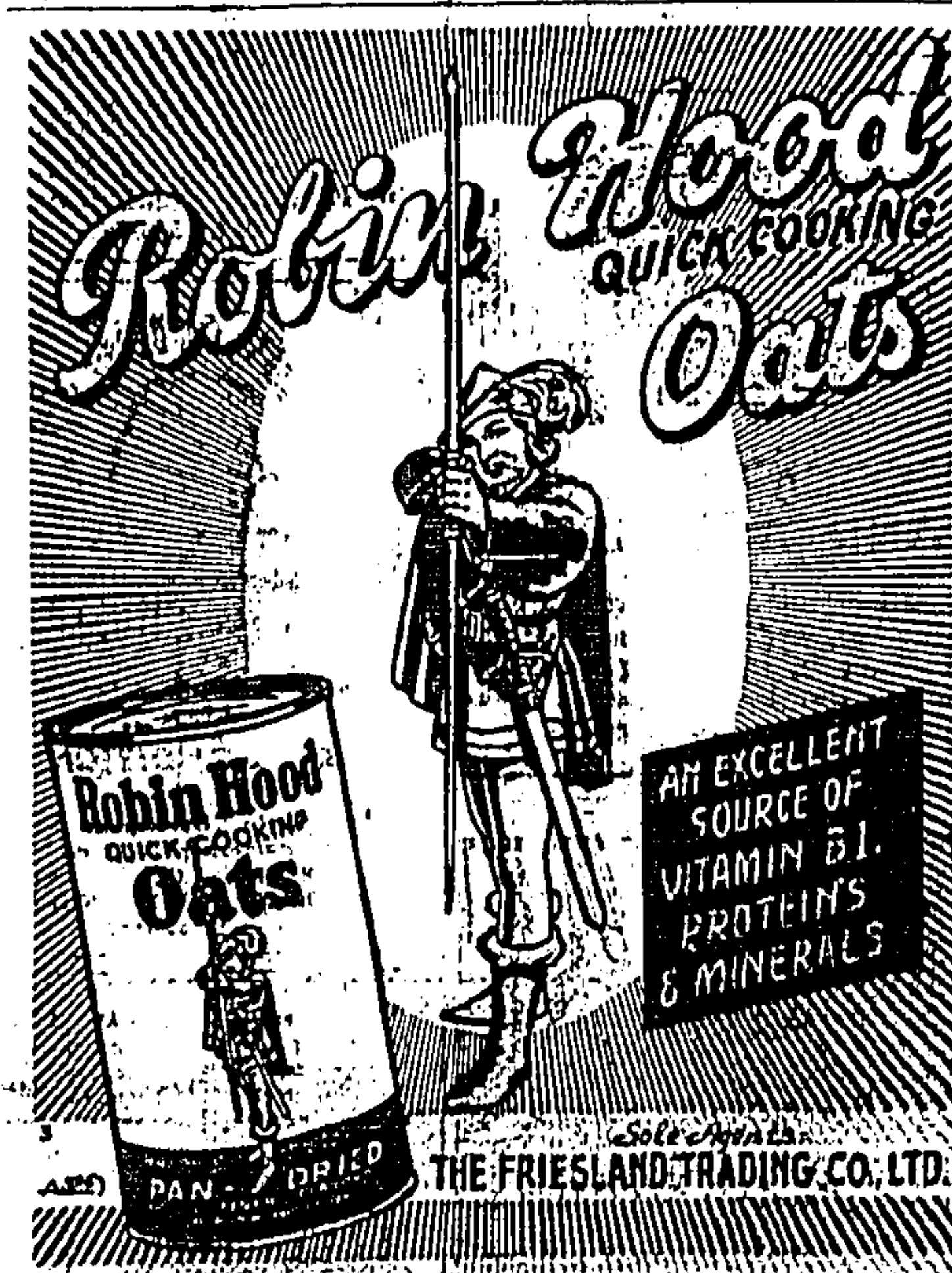
The message stated that Communist emissaries had requested the re-opening of the bridge, so that food could be more freely transported to the Chinese town and Chinese children in Tongling could go to school in Moncay. —Reuter.

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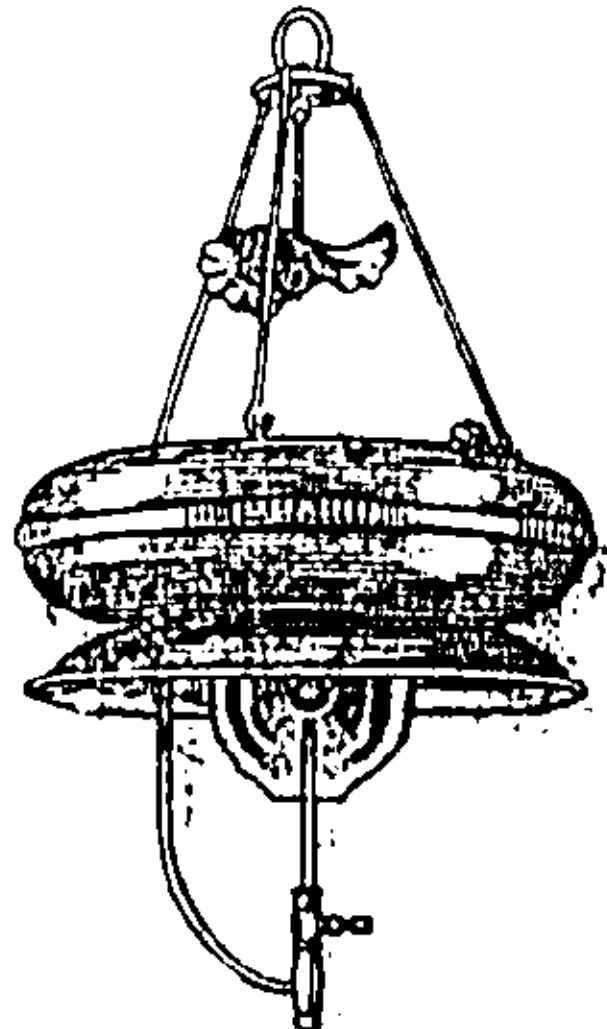
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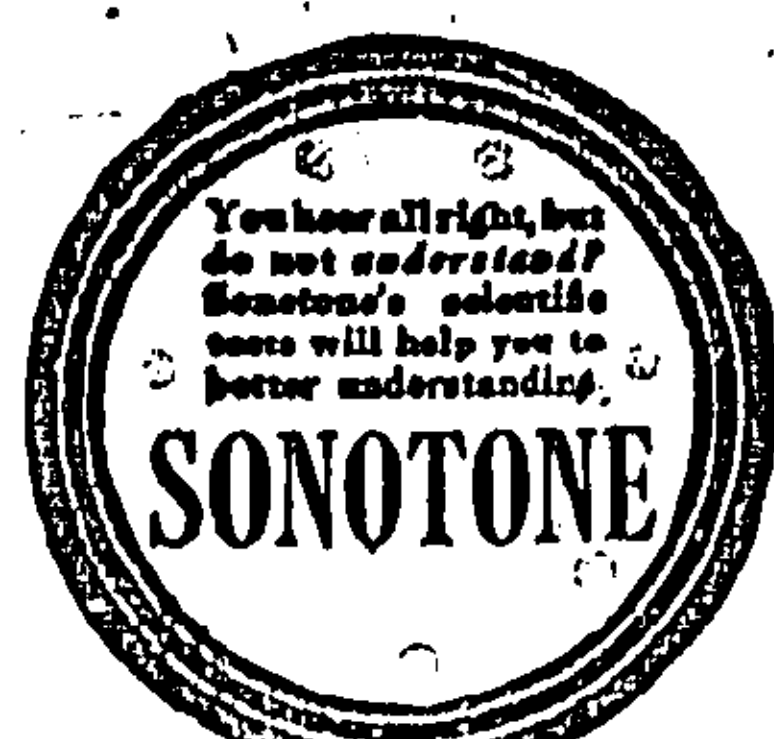
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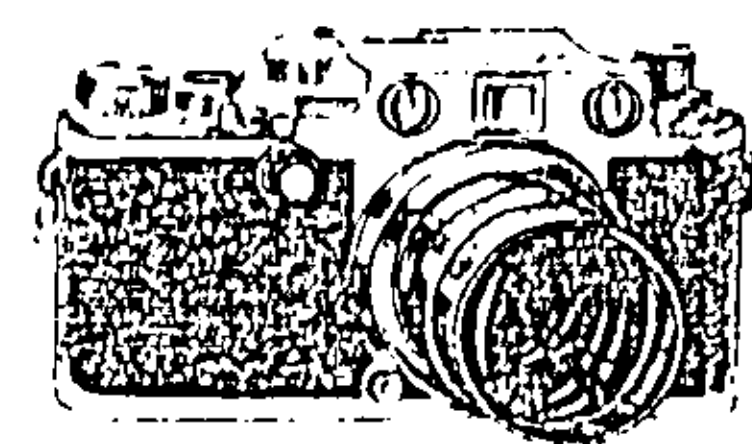
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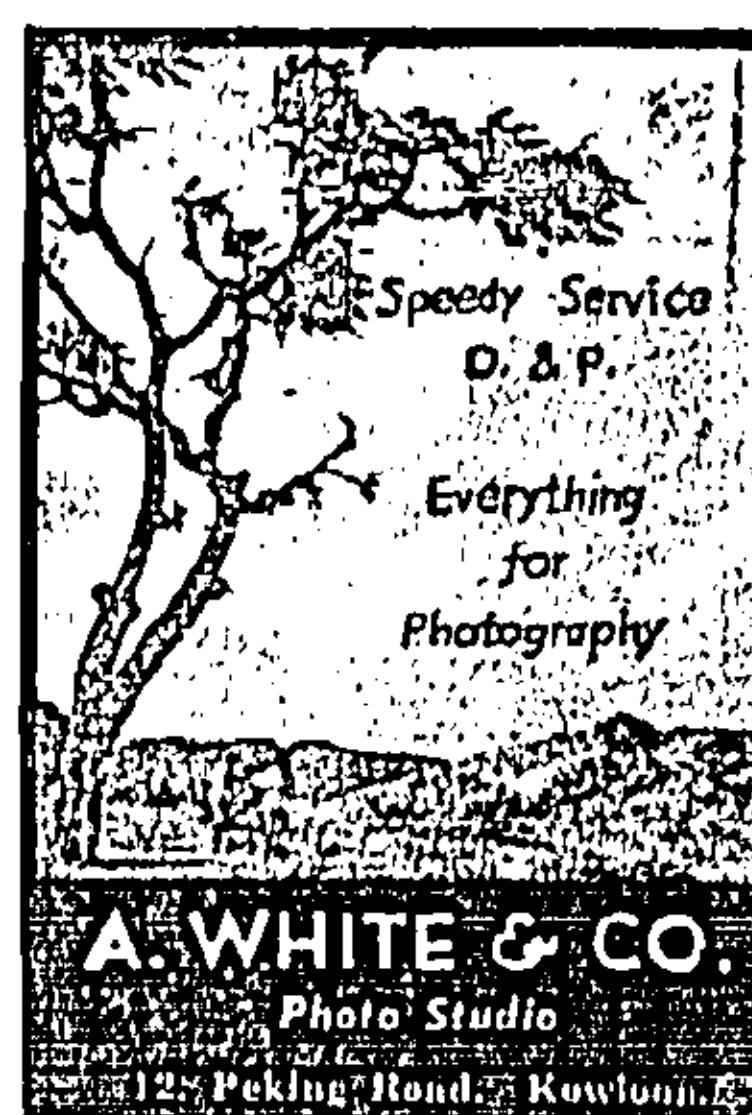
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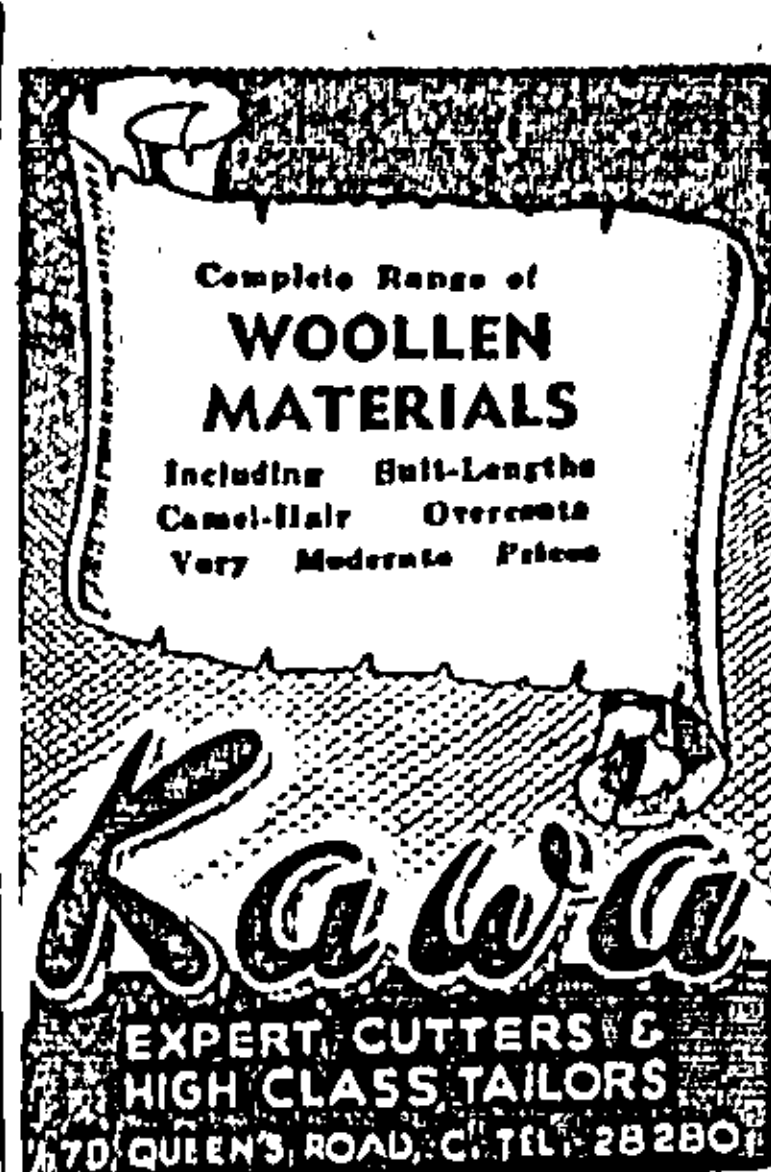
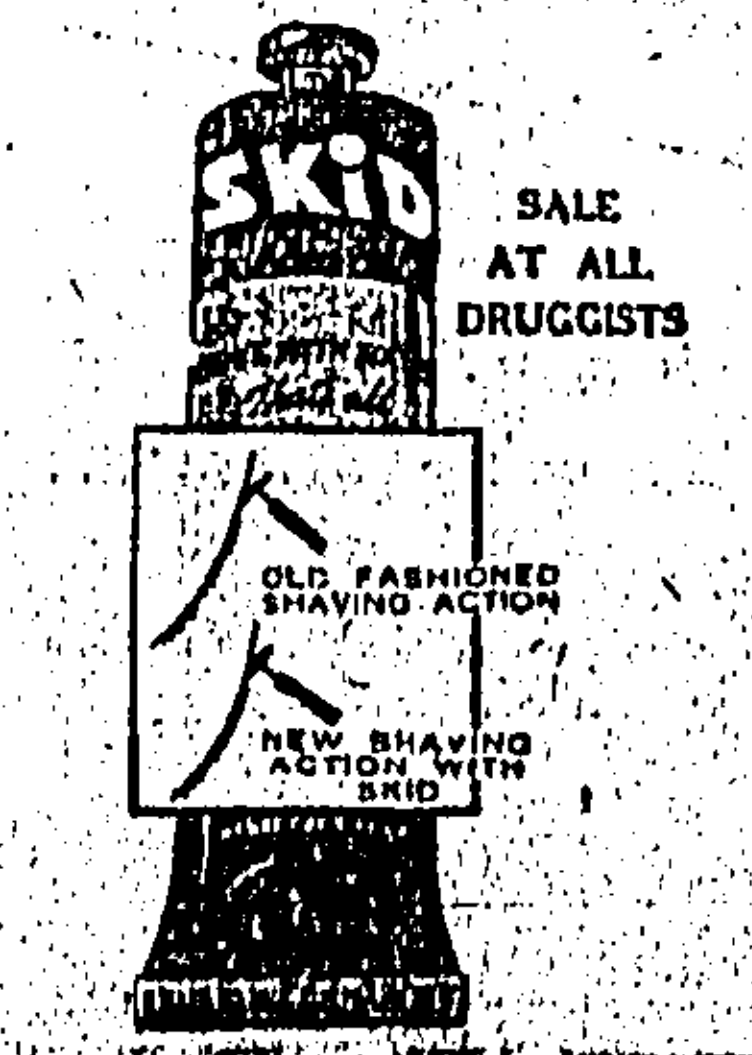
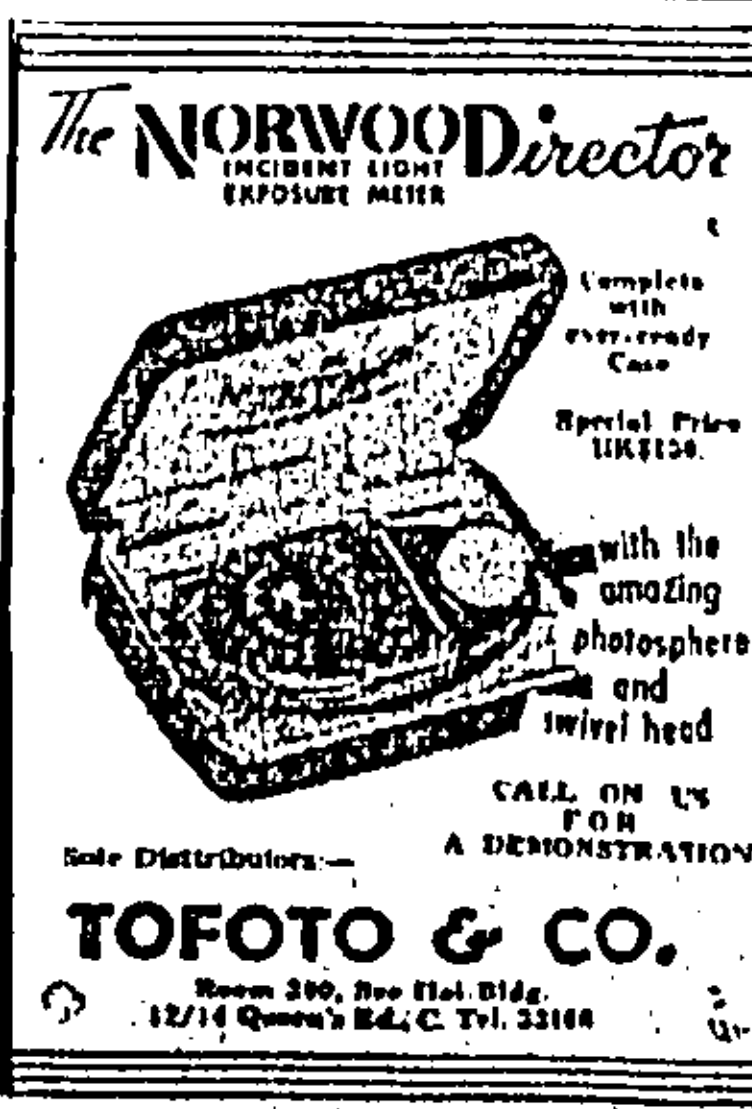
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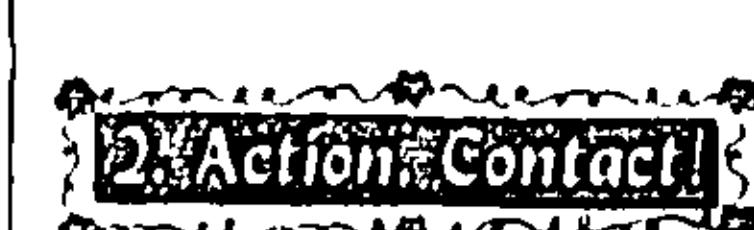
Career book-part 2

Advice on how to get along

By Betty Belz



How do you get along with people? How you use of those power-house personalities that really bend folks over, or do you drift dreamily along in someone else's wake? There's a place for every personality type, from the powerful dynamo to the shrinking violet, but you should be very careful to choose your work which will suit your own particular makeup. Certain jobs are done better and more methodically by a quiet, thoughtful worker instead of the blustering joy-boy who operates best in a crowd.



Don't depend on your sparkling wit and agility alone to put you over. It's better to be unobtrusive and well liked by every one than to be adored by some and despised by others. No office likes troublesome characters even though they may have talent and ability to burn. Promotions come to those who are co-operative and agreeable.

Avoid grudges
The girl or boy who has no sense of humor and gets burned up over every office incident will soon find it's better to forgive and forget rather than to carry grudges. When you can handle trying situations gracefully, you're really on the road to success. Even the greatest successes are sometimes criticized, resented and razed by envious, ill-mannered people. The smart ones keep their tempers down to a slow burn and try to laugh it off. You'll never get anywhere in business by nursing grudges or private feuds, so always remember to keep the goodwill of every one, including your rivals! Never make cracks about anyone's race, religion, appearance,

income, or speech, even if it's only in fun. You may have gotten away with it at home or with your own gang, but it won't make you popular in the big outside world. Since many of your business transactions will be conducted over the telephone, polish up your phone manners. Cultivate a pleasant voice. Be as cordial as you can be on the line, whether your callers are seeking favours or bringing them.

Don't exploit friends
Once you start working, you'll find that even your social life offers many opportunities for making useful business contacts. That's fine, but don't exploit your friends for this purpose or you'll be known as a phony. When you meet new friends at parties, don't spring the obvious question, "What do you do for a living?" Those details can be learned more subtly. No girl gets very far ahead by the help she gets from office wolves. The only way you get ahead is by your own ability. If you brush off the local bossman, they'll have much respect for you, and you'll get further faster! Should you encounter a smooth character who invites you to dinner at a small, secluded place, be wise! Decline his suit, gently but firmly. Judge Anna Kross, who's one

Editor talking



of the most wonderful women I've ever met, has a great deal of respect for women who succeed in business. She said to me, "You know for a woman to succeed, she has to work twice as hard as a man, and yet she gets only half the credit."

If you want to keep your job and be singled out for promotions, remember that your ability to get along with others is as important as your working ability!

The most important thing at the moment in Christmas. We are all busy mailing our last Christmas cards to friends here and abroad. The Christmas shopping is still to be completed. The worry, yet to be attended to, of what to get for Mother and Dad and others whom we would want to please. And the most difficult planning of all: how to stretch our allowance to cover the list of names on which, with all checkings and counter-checkings, everyone seems to be a must. But once it is all over, how much pleasure it will bring to our friends receiving as it will bring to ourselves giving.

Then there is the planning to be done of the parties and outings in our Christmas season programme. To the girls, dresses and their accompanying accessories will be just as important as their Christmas gifts. To the chaps, the important thing will be the best way to provide for the most smashing time. And if the girls receive a surprise here and there, many will then be grateful to those "two hopeful girls."

Until now, we have been thinking of ourselves. Of the nice time to get along with others is as important as your working ability!

Platter chatter

The concert hall is a dazzling array of bejewelled ladies in stunning evening gowns and gentlemen in full dress attire. A spontaneous burst of applause arises as the noted conductor ascends the podium and raps with his baton on the stand. The house lights dim, the footlights go up and the star of the Met sings "You're Breaking My Heart" in a foreign tongue!

The programme distinctly reads: Matilda (Leoncavallo)!

Buddy Clark 1911-1949

Buddy Clark has made his last record and his last hit in Columbia's "You're Breaking My Heart." Buddy loved singing, sports and flying. He would not miss a major sports event if it did not interfere with his singing engagements and he enjoyed flying to and from football games and athletic meets. Returning from a football game, the plane in which thirty-eight-year-old Sammy Goldberg travelled, crashed, and Sammy was killed. Baby It's Cold Outside (with Dinah Shore) and many other

pleasures. Christmas is a great Christmas feast. And a great Christmas virtue is Charity. Let us all, in our happy and enjoyable days to come, not forget those whose Christmas will not be like ours. Let us remember them in any way we can afford so that our Christmas this year can be complete by giving a little of it to others. Here now is the old wish that is forever new, Merry Christmas!

Gold in the prairies

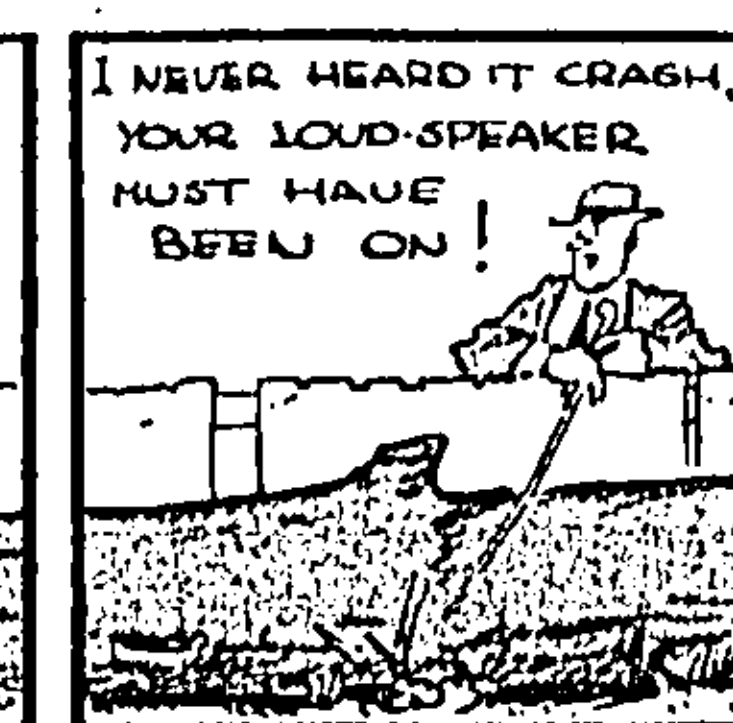
After the fiscal success of the Weekly-Whiting Western song, Slipping Around, there is a concentrated rush by other artists to wax Western music. Among those prospecting for gold in the prairies are Doris Day and Gene Autry. Advance notices do not say if Autry's horse will join them to make it a trio. Dinah Shore's partner in the same venture has the cute name of George "Candy Kisses" Morison. Sultry-voiced Fran Warren's companion soundbought is the handsome Tony Martin. Did I tell you of the critic who said of a certain actor-singer: He's not even ham, he's spam!

Mule train
Mule Train is being given the greatest publicity ever accorded to a song since Nature Boy and riding on the mule wagons are Bing Crosby (Decca), Frankie Laine (Mercury), Vaughn Monroe (Victory), Gordon MacRae (Capitol) and a dozen other lesser lights.

It is a safe bet that this will not be another song which is pushed to the top by sheer force of advertising bullion. Frankie Laine was first off with the tune and his disc is already America's number one tune.

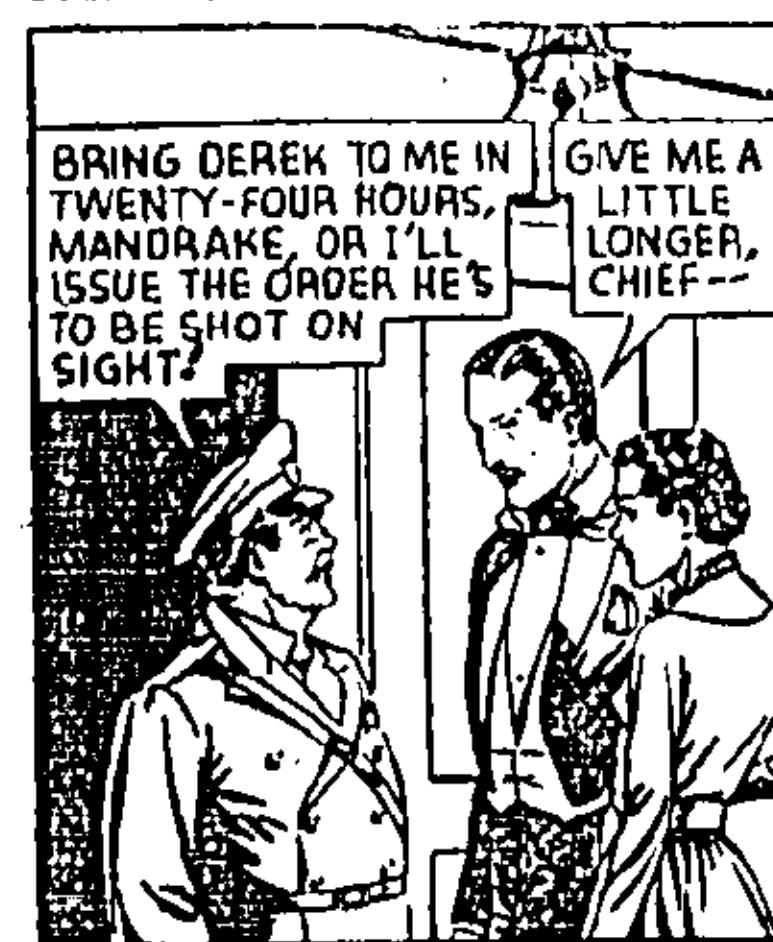
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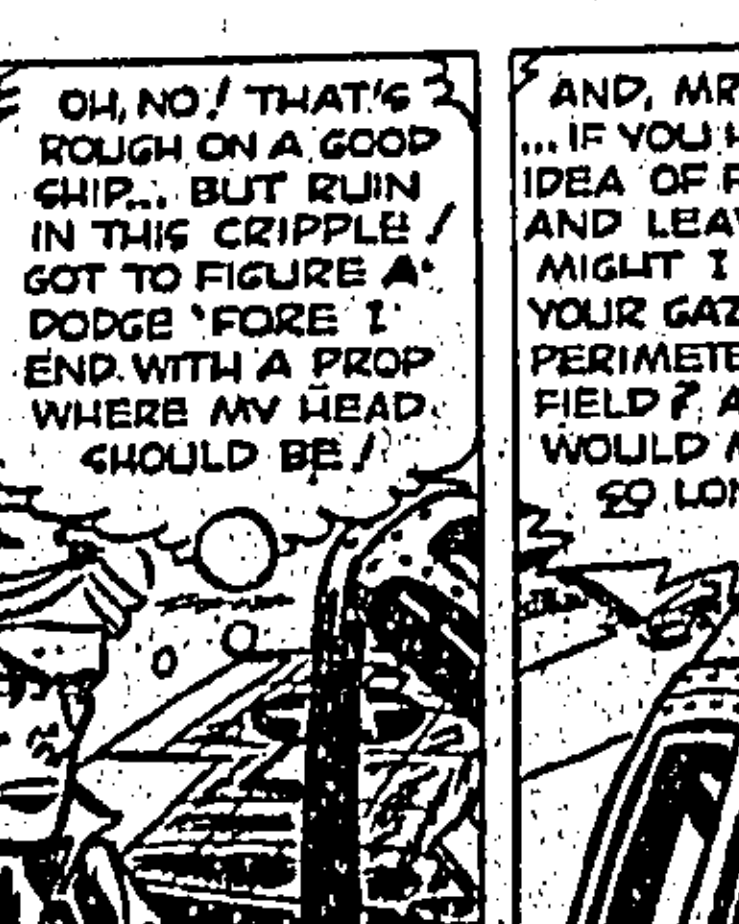
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12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary

12.42—"Marching with the Regiment"—Marching with Colonel Bowry introduced by Captain David Jones.

1.00—Songs by Euse Ackland (Constitution) and Redvers Llewellyn (Baritone)

1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25—Interlude: The Blue Orchids

1.32—London Studio Concert: The Westminster Orchestra Conducted by Denis Wright (HUTCH)

2.00—Close Down

6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary

6.02—"Band Call"—Tune Variety Orchestra Conducted by Rae Jenkins with Eric Whittier (HUTCH)

6.30—"The Andrews Sisters"

6.40—"My Songs for You"—Song by Maurice Keary Stanley Black and His Orchestra (HUTCH)

7.00—World News and News Analysis (London Relay)

7.15—"Much Binding in the Marsh"—With Kenneth Horne and Richard Murdoch (The Blue Orchids)

7.45—"Generally Speaking"—The T. Helena of Lhasa by Colonel F. Spencer-Chapman (London Relay)

8.00—"From the Editorials" (London Relay)

8.10—"Record Round-About" Variety Request Programme Presented by Sue Dawson (Studio)

9.10—Piano Recital by Miss Wong Kuk Ying (Studio)

9.30—Famous Midland Restaurants: "The South Staffordshire Regiment" (HUTCH)

10.00—Radio News Reel (London Relay)

10.15—Weather Report

10.18—"French Cabaret"

10.45—Recital by Ida Hamed (Violin) and Leon Goussens (Cello)

11.00—Ambrose and His Orchestra

11.15—Weather Report, World and Home News from Britain (Recorded London Relay)

11.30—Close Down

HKWIC DANCE FOR THE FORCES

The Hong Kong Women's International Club's Christmas Dance for the Forces on Monday turned out to be a highly successful function.

The Clubroom at the Gloucester Building was colourfully decorated with flags, streamers and balloons. Some 140 guests were entertained.

A buffet of Christmas fare was served during the evening. Spot dances, musical acts, and other competitive dances were held. The prize winners were Corporal Robinson, Nurse Dorothy Hain, Lance-Bombardier Davies, Miss Henderson, Marine Daisey, Miss Poyser, Marine John Carroll and Miss Pat Bonham.

Mr. Silas was at the piano and Mr. Gonsburger gave an amusing display of magic and sleight of hand. Each guest was presented with cigarettes and sweets from the Xmas Tree. They joined in singing Christmas Carols before leaving at 10.30 p.m.

Thieves who victimised car-owners sentenced

After several months of victimising car owners who parked their vehicles near the Roxy Theatre, a three-men gang, who broke into locked cars and stole articles left in them, were arrested on December 15 and charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

The men were Chan Kum-shui, aged 19, Ma Chi-wai, aged 21, and Lam Ki, aged 21. Chan and Ma were charged with stealing a Roliflex camera valued at \$750 and a woollen pullover from car No. 2927, the property of Mr. Y. K. Lam, on November 27.

Chan was charged with breaking the door of car No. 9582 and taking a grey coat and a lady's long coat on December 12, the property of Dr. F. Hung of the Kowloon Hospital.

Ma and Lam were charged with larceny of a lady's overcoat from car No. 9203, the property of Miss Yeung Wan-man, on December 10.

Lam was additionally charged with breach of a deportation order.

All three pleaded guilty to the various charges and Chan and Lam were sentenced to 12 months. Chan was recommended for deportation while Lam was to be banished for life after serving his sentence.

Ma was sentenced to six months and recommended for banishment.

Well-organised gang

Detective Sub Inspector R. G. Laurel asked the Court to take a serious view of the offences as it seemed that it was a well-organised gang and it was only after much inquiry that the men had been arrested. The stolen property, which had all been recovered was ordered to be returned to the owners.

In connection with the case, Shiu Sze, aged 27, was charged with receiving the Roliflex camera well knowing that it had been stolen, while Cheng Shing-chi, aged 18, was charged with receiving a woollen pullover also knowing that it was stolen.

Both men pleaded that they did not know the goods had been stolen. Shiu had bought the camera from Ma for \$150 while Cheng bought the pullover from Ma for \$3.

Shiu was cautioned while Cheng was discharged as the Police offered no evidence against him.

FOOD AND FUEL INDEX

The food and fuel index for the week ended December 17, issued by the Labour Office, were:	
Rice, Floor, 7.2 catty	\$5.0400
Yeast, 10 catty	1.4400
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Pork, 0.4 catty	1.2440
Pork, 0.3 catty	1.2360
Peanut, 10 catty	1.4400
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New culture flowering at Exhibition

Products displayed at the current Seventh Annual Exhibition of Chinese Products, sponsored by the Hong Kong Chinese Manufacturers' Union, are the flowering of a new culture, said Mr. K. M. A. Barnett, Director of the Department of Supplies and Distribution yesterday.

Speaking at the Exhibition grounds on the Mainland, Mr. Barnett added that both China and Britain have contributed to that flowering culture of which both nations can be proud.

Recalling the Occupation period and the end of the war, he said: "Some of you were here in December 1945. You will remember the struggle to clean up the mess our temporary masters had left—the struggle to obtain raw materials, shipping, finance."

"The Colony received valuable assistance. It is true, from the United Kingdom and the Dominions, but they had their own rehabilitation problems, and for the most part it was by Hong Kong's efforts that the new Hong Kong was built."

"I like to think that in these years of effort has been born a new spirit of Hong Kong citizenship, founded on common endeavours and mutual co-operation."

Faith in future

"The faith, the foresight and the resource of this group of our community who saw, in those days of much work and little hope, a future—a grand and glorious future for Hong Kong industry—it is to them that you owe this Exhibition, which you have so much enjoyed."

"The men of faith and foresight, notable among whom are my good friends Mr. Shum Choy-wah, Mr. U Tai-chee, Mr. Tsui Kwai-leung, Mr. Robert Lee—it is invidious to single out so few when so many have shared in the work—these men were quick to see and to seize the advantage offered by the BIF to bring Hong Kong before the eyes of British markets, to Britain 'Hong Kong can make it.'"

"Hong Kong means to me; a place where people of all races can meet on terms of equality to trade, to exchange ideas to come friends."

"The products displayed in this Exhibition are for me the flower-ings of a new culture, a culture to which China and Britain have both contributed, of which China and Britain can both be proud."

"I make no prophecy but I express a wish—may Hong Kong come to mean the same to the world over. May the wares produced in our community, proverbial for quality, reliability and price, go all over the world as our ambassadors, putting Hong Kong on every family's map, bringing Hong Kong to every family's fireside, telling the world what Britain and China, together can do."

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7.00—Up With The Sun.	
7.15—Setting Up Exercises.	
7.30—Musical Clock.	
7.45—Cyma Tune.	
8.00—News & Weather Forecast.	
8.15—Christmas Calendar.	
8.30—Random Rhythms.	
8.45—Through The Looking Glass—A Programme for Women.	
9.00—Morning Music.	
9.30—Console & Keyboard.	
10.00—Music For All.	
10.30—Morning Melody.	
11.00—Airscape Melodies.	
11.30—Parade of Rhythms.	

P.M.	
12.00—H.K. Stock Exchange.	
12.15—The Music of Christmas.	
12.30—"Variety Bandbox."	
1.00—Hawaiian Music.	
1.15—News.	
1.30—"London Studio Concert."	
2.00—"Afternoon Musicale"—Concerto for Clarinet & Orch. in A Major (Mozart) Rehearsed Kell & the London Philharmonic Orch. conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent.	
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4.00—Gilm Bryant and His Wildcats.	
4.15—Keyboard Concert.	
4.30—Vocally Yours.	
4.50—Music Makers.	
5.15—Children's Corner—with Betty Britt.	
5.30—Harmony Hall.	
5.45—Radio Huddliners—Peggy Lee, Gise Miller Orchestra.	
6.00—The Hot Club.	
6.30—The Jumpin' Jacks.	
6.45—Do You Remember? Musical Memories.	
7.00—B.B.C. News.	
7.15—Candlelight and Silver Dinner Music in a Light Classical Vein.	
8.00—Romantic Cycles.	
8.15—"The Super-Cole Programme"—The Sweetest Serenaders and Charles Jordan, Tenor.	
9.00—"The Daily Farm Programme"—Alton Robb's Symphony of Melody.	
9.15—A.R.G. News.	
9.30—Local News.	
9.45—"Blue Skies."	
9.50—International Christmas—the spirit of peace & goodwill around the world told in story and song.	
10.00—"Story of the Carol." (4)	
10.15—Return Journey to The Old Village Memories—Relay from London.	
11.15—"The Spirit Within"—a unique Christmas story written & narrated by Peter Newman.	
11.45—"The Carol Singers."	
12.00—Close Down.	

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"TJITJALENGKA" 18th Jan.	31st Dec.
"TJITJADAK" 19th Jan.	12th Jan.

MANILA

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TEGELBERG" 29th Dec.	
"TJITJAMPEK" 25th Jan.	25th Dec.
"RUYS" 23rd Feb.	

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SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
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"VAN HEUTSZ" 12th Jan.	7th Jan.
"TJITJADAK" 19th Jan.	12th Jan.

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"TEGELBERG" 29th Dec.	
"TJITJAMPEK" 25th Jan.	25th Dec.
"RUYS" 23rd Feb.	25th Dec.
"TJITJADAK" 19th Jan.	7th Jan.

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SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TEGELBERG" 29th Dec.	28th Dec.
"RUYS" 23rd Dec.	7th Jan.
"TJITJADAK" 19th Jan.	

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"RIDDERKERK" 9th Jan.	In Port
"LANGLESCOT" Early Feb.	Mid Jan.

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JAPAN

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"RIDDERKERK" 22nd Dec.	8th Jan.
"LANGLESCOT" Mid Jan.	Early Feb.

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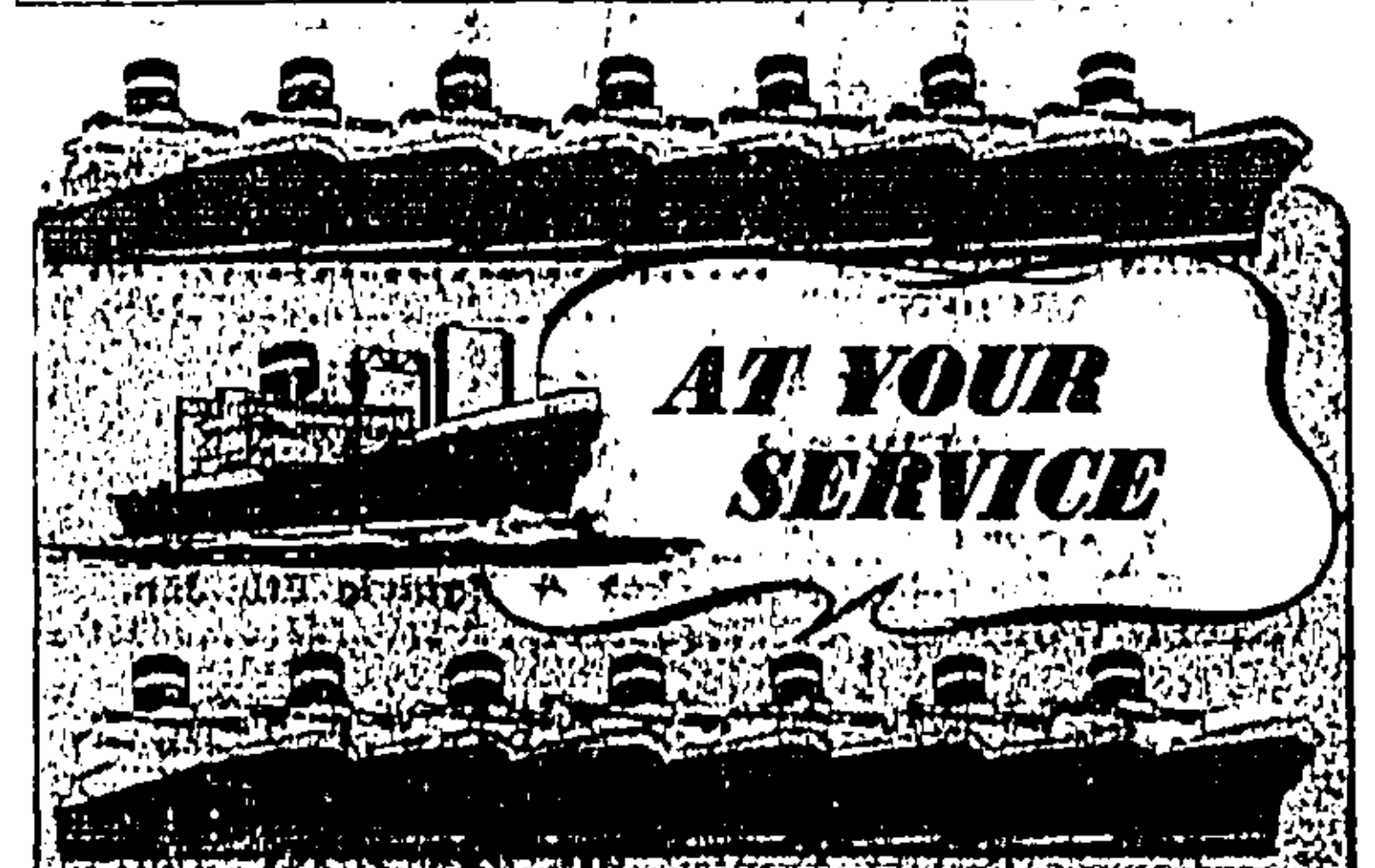
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

FRANCE GAMBLING ON MORE U.S. AID

Paris, December 19.

The French Finance Minister, M. Maurice Peteché, told Parliament today that he is gambling on future American aid to balance the 1950 budget.

He told the National Assembly he had written into the estimated receipts 250,000,000 francs (£250,000,000) although "I do not have the right to do it."

"Who can prejudice the future decisions of Congress?" he asked, adding, however, "I am taking the risk."

M. Peteché made it clear he was banking on eventual American approval for France to utilize counterpart funds in France to American dollar aid to help France's deficit.

M. Peteché also made it clear that administrators of the European Recovery Programme are going to get together with the national receiving Marshall Plan dollars.

"Distribution of that aid will not be done in 1950 on the basis of our needs as in previous years, but in relation to our efforts to stabilize our money and liberalize our exchanges," he said.

The conference between the Government and the extreme right section of its Parliament, any majority over higher taxation to be voted for next year's French budget marked time today.

Huge deficit

The general debate was formally opened by M. Peteché but apart from an appeal by the Premier, M. Georges Bidault, not to provoke another political crisis, the debate was adjourned until the Government has been able to put fresh economy proposals before the recalcitrant Finance Commission of the Assembly.

The Government, it is expected, will produce on paper 15 to 20 milliard francs of additional economies (equal to less than one per cent of the total budget estimates for the coming year) but whether the Radical rebels will be content with this or will force a Cabinet crisis remains to be seen.

The Government's own budget figures start off with a deficit of 25 milliard francs between estimated revenue and expenditure. Expenditure is estimated at 2,300 milliard francs (against 2,000 milliard for 1949). Revenue is estimated at 2,275 milliard francs.

The gap, the Finance Minister said, will be filled by future economies which the Government hopes to inaugurate under a special two-year plan.

False economy

The Government's budget provides for 191 milliard francs of new taxation, falling exclusively on employers and business enterprises. The Finance Commission, under the aggressive leadership of the Radicals, has so far refused to approve more than 62 milliard of the new taxation.

The Commission met this afternoon to re-examine the Government's 1950 Finance Bill but adjourned to consider new proposals. The National Assembly Budget debate was also adjourned.

N.Y. Stock Exchange

New York, December 19.

The stock market was highly mixed today in a moderately active session. Gains ran fractional to a point. Losses were fractional to more than a point. Transfers were approximately 1,400,000 shares.

Gainers included Southern Pacific, Sears, Roebuck, United Aircraft, Stetson Oil. Lower were Nickel Plate, American Woolen, Schenley Industries.

Bouquet Consolidated, with 12,500 shares, was among the most active stocks, but closed unchanged at 1 3/4.

Low Jones (Averages: Stocks 70.01, 22 Industrials 108.17, 15 Rails 51.50, 10 Utilities 40.70).

Closing quotations: Adams Express 22 1/2, Alaska Juneau 3 1/2, American Can 10 1/2, American Smelting 6 1/2, American Telephone 14 1/2, American Tobacco 7 1/2, Anaconda Copper 28 1/2, Aviation Corp. 6 1/2, Baldwin Locomotive 10 1/2, Birmah 4 1/2, Columbia 3 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 31 1/2, Boeing Aircraft 24 1/2, Borron Co. 48 1/2, Canadian Pacific 14 1/2, J. I. Case 38 1/2, Chrysler 64, Colgate 42 1/2, Copart Sales 18 1/2, Can Products 6 1/2, Du Pont 60 1/2, Eastman Kodak 48, General Electric 41 1/2, General Motors 60 1/2, Goodrich 48 1/2, Goodyear 43 1/2, International Harvester 28 1/2, International Paper 67 1/2, International Tel. & Tel. 9 1/2, Johns-Manville 47 1/2, Kennecott Copper 30 1/2, Montgomery Ward 6 1/2, National Distillers 22 1/2, National Lead 38, New York Central 10 1/2, Packard Motors 3 1/2, Pan American Airways 8 1/2, Pepsico 15 1/2, Radio Corp. 12 1/2, Republic Steel 23 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 37 1/2, Schenley 30, Sears Roebuck 43, Shell Oil 37, Socoy Vacuum 17 1/2, Southern Pacific 40 1/2, Standard Brands 21 1/2, Standard Oil of Calif. 65 1/2, Standard Oil of N. J. 60 1/2, Studebaker 24 1/2, Union Bag 27 1/2, United Carbide 43 1/2, US Rubber 37 1/2, US Steel 28, US Lines 15 1/2, Westinghouse 31 1/2, Youngtown Sheet & Tube 75 1/2, Gen. Pub. Utilities 16 1/2.

Club prices were mixed, gains on including Aluminum Company of America.

Lower were Humble Oil, Cities Service.

Some railroad bonds were up. Associated Press.

New York, December 19.

The U.S. Reconstruction Finance Corporation reduced the price of Grade A tin for spot shipment by one-half cent, sound to 78-1/4 cents today.

Associated Press.

Money Market

US dollars opened yesterday at HK\$53 1/2, dropped to \$0.52, and closed at \$0.53.

TT was put through from HK\$50.50 to \$0.00.

Sterling was unchanged at HK\$16.20.

Australian pounds were easier at HK\$12.55.

Pounds were again nominal at HK\$13.30 a 100.

Tenals at HK\$27 a 100 were unchanged.

NEI Guilders dropped a further 10 cents to HK\$22.70 a 100.

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LONDON STOCKS

London, December 19.

Oil and Industrial stocks led a firm London Stock market today. Tops among industrial issues were those of radio and television firms.

Government bonds were uncertain in a dull market, which is now being overtaken by Christmas holiday lethargy. In the free tin market, three months futures were up 25 shillings to 25/3 to 25/4. Spot tin prices rose five shillings to £604 to £605.

Financial Times' index 100, up 0.8. Associated Press.

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"BENVRACKIE"		10th Jan.
"BENLEUCH"		15th Jan.
"BENDORAN"		21st Jan.
"BENMACDHUI"		27th Jan.
"BENALDER"		10th Feb.
"BENMOHR"		12th Feb.
"BENAVON"		25th Feb.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	LOADING
"BENLOMOND"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull.	7th Jan.
"BENLEUCH"		20th Jan.
"BENALDER"		15th Feb.
"BENVOORLICH"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin, Antwerp & Havre.	8th Jan.
"BENVRACKIE"	Genoa, Avonmouth, London, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull.	10th Jan.
"BENMOHR"		16th Feb.
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"ANDREAS"	HOUSTON, NEW ORLEANS, & NEW YORK.	1st Half Feb.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	LOADING
"ELOY ALFARO"	MANILA.	22nd Dec.
"CLEO"	do.	Mid Jan.
"AGATHI"	do.	2nd Half Jan.
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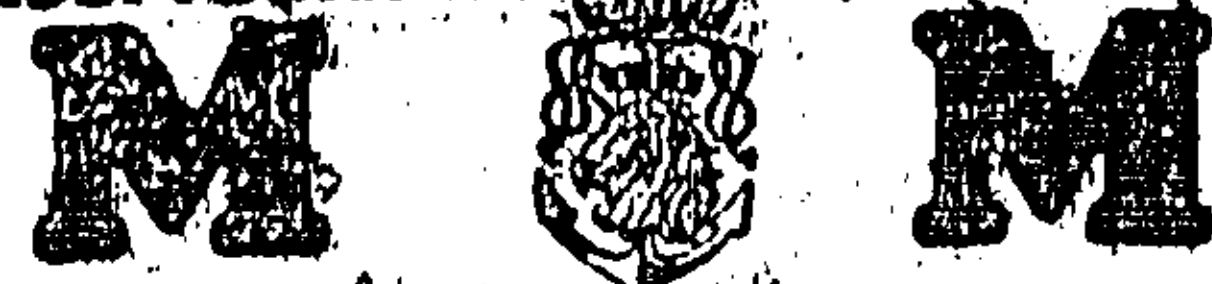
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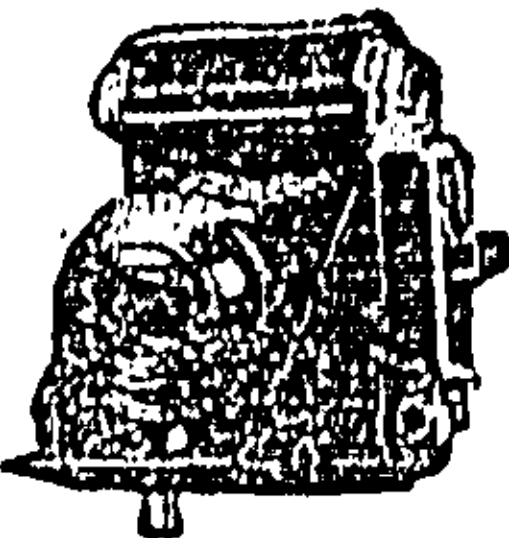
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Last yacht racing of autumn blessed with ideal weather

(By "MAINSHEET BLOCK")

EVERTON GOALIE'S LOYALTY

With constant news and rumours of footballers asking for transfers and the subsequent extravagant fees of a refreshing record, the case of one of those players who stay with one club throughout their careers.

An outstanding example of club loyalty is provided by the Everton goalkeeper, Ted Sagar, who last week and equalled the feat of Elsie Scott, the former Liverpool and Irish International goalkeeper, when he played his 429th game in the Football League.

Sagar, a centre half in his school days, was turned down by Hull City after a trial 21 years ago. Next year, in 1929, he signed for nothing for Everton, with whom he gained Cup and League Championships medals.

He has also been capped for England.

Sagar has, however, had to win back his place in the first team on two occasions. Early in his career, he spent a whole season out of the first team and, after he returned from war service, he spent a year in the reserves before being brought back.

Curiously, once he nearly had to compete with Elsie Scott for the position as Everton's No. 1 keeper. When Liverpool placed Scott on the transfer list in 1934, after he had been with them for 21 years, Everton were willing to pay the £250 transfer fee but Liverpool would not allow him to go to their neighbours.

Scott at first said that he would retire from the game, but he changed his mind, becoming player-manager of Belfast Celtic and for some time continued to be Ireland's choice. Reuter.

HK POLO AND HUNT CLUB

The next meet of the Hong Kong Polo and Hunt Club, previously announced as taking place on Boxing Day, will now be held on Tuesday, December 27.

The place of the meet will be published on Saturday.

CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1949.



Nubian wins title



Hassan Hassanain (right) 34-year-old Nubian golf professional, walks off the Gezira Sporting Club course at Cairo after winning the Egyptian Open Golf Tournament. Hassanain, who is also Italian Open Champion, defeated three Ryder Cup players from Britain as he led a field of 54 top rank professionals and amateurs from seven countries. One of Egypt's rare rainstorms is the reason for the umbrella. (AP Photo).

Cricketer's lot not happy one

London, December 19.

Those who regard cricket as a money-spinner for professionals because of the large sums occasionally mentioned as benefits get a far different picture when other facts are brought to light.

The great majority of professional cricketers get an average weekly wage which trade unionists in other walks of life would not tolerate.

Footballers, with their £12 weekly, might not be so well off had it not been for the Players Union, and it is within the realm of possibility that a similar union for cricketers may come into being before many more seasons.

It needs only a good organiser and the backing of all professionals to make the thing possible.

Only Switzerland and neighbouring Scandinavian countries have as big a percentage of people engaging in organised sports as Sweden.

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CHRISTMAS DAY CRICKET MATCH

An all day Cricket match starting at 10.30 a.m. has been arranged by members of the Indian Recreation Club on Christmas Day when a team of "over 37" will meet a team of "under 37".

The following have been selected to represent the "over 37": A. C. Arnull (capt.), A. R. Minu, A. H. Madan, M. K. Ramak, P. M. C. Arnull, A. R. H. Enall, A. R. Minu, A. K. Minu, J. M. A. Ramjahn, S. A. Ismail and S. H. Ismail.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Defence Force against Hong Kong Signal Squadron in the Inter-Service hockey league, at Soekunpoo at 4.15 p.m. tomorrow: R. Clark; A. L. Nery; J. B. Goncalves; K. D. Eger; G. N. Goiano; Major B. G. Fugh; P. N. Slater; A. Marques; S. A. Fowler; P. Rull and M. de Silva. A "Transport" will be provided at H.Q. Hong Kong Defence Force.

SWEDEN IS LEADING SPORTS COUNTRY IN EUROPE TODAY

(BY RALPH HEWINS)

Eire beat England, then the Irishmen were easily defeated 3-1 by Sweden in Dublin in the qualifying World Cup series. "The Swedes must be good," I hear the Rio-conscious Scots fans say. Believe me, they are — but not in football alone.

We old-timers must grudgingly admit that Sweden, with a fourth of Britain's population and a less favourable climate, is today the leading European nation in sport, and only second to the U.S.A. in the world.

Look at the form. In 1948 and 1949 (three years after V-Day and long after the advantages of Sweden's wartime neutrality should have been ironed out) this country of 6,700,000 inhabitants won the Olympic Winter Games at St. Moritz; came an easy second to the U.S.A. at the Wembley Olympics, and won the Olympic soccer, triumphed over the all-England professional soccer XI with a bunch of amateurs, and won the European Zone final of the Davis Cup.

She has the world's finest all-round athlete in Captain Willie Grut, record winner of the Olympic Pentathlon; possesses in Olle Tandberg a serious contender for the European heavyweight title, and holds her own with Britain in amateur boxing.

In Haakon Lidman, Sweden also has a veteran high hurdler in the Donald Finlay class. How it is done? The answer may be largely covered under three headings — Organisation, Finance and Ambition.

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DRAW IN DURBAN MATCH

Durban, December 19. Jack Moroney, 30-years-old New South Wales school-master, today became the top scorer of the Australian tour so far when he made 180 not out in the match here against a South African XI, which ended in a draw.

The previous best was 153 by Arthur Morris against Natal. The powerfully built opening batsman had been at the wicket for a total of nearly five and a half hours when rain, just before tea, brought a sudden end to the match.

The Australians were then 15 runs ahead on the first innings, having scored 344 for four wickets in answer to the South Africans' total of 329.

Moroney who included 19 boundaries in his solid innings, helped to put on 187 runs in a 100-minute partnership with Neil Harvey, who also completed a chanceless century in two and a half hours.

The pair completely dominated the tired bowlers on the easy wicket, each registering his third century of the tour.

Today's scoreboard:

South African XI—first innings

329

Australians—first innings

153

K. Archer b. Henderson 100

J. Moroney not out 180

K. Miller c. Draper b. Henderson 6

N. Harvey st. Draper b. Payne 103

S. Loxton lbw, b. Waddington 10

A. L. Hassett not out 10

Extras 14

Total (for four) 344

Fall of wickets: 1-124, 2-136, 3-323, 4-328.

Bowling

O M R W

Henderson 19 2 81

Waddington 19 1 60

Payne 27 5 211

Mitchell 7 0 38

Wynne 1 0 37

Thorne 7 0 37

Bates 3 leg-byes 4 Noballs 7

—Reuter.

London December 19.

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Services: Dingy Race 1st Gilman (11), 1:34.1; 2nd Monahan (10), 1:37.0; 3rd Gok (1), 1:40.1; Dallas (1), 1:41.0; 4th Cole (4) and Purvis (7) DNF; Navar (8) DNF.

SATURDAY

Dragon Sweepstakes Race: 1st Gilman (1), 1:34.1; 2nd Monahan (10), 1:37.0; 3rd Gok (1), 1:40.1; Dallas (1), 1:41.0; 4th Cole (4) and Purvis (7) DNF; Navar (8) DNF.

15th Redwing Series Race: 1st Miss Lacey (11), 1:34.1; 2nd Monahan (10), 1:37.0; 3rd Gok (1), 1:40.1; Dallas (1), 1:41.0; 4th Cole (4) and Purvis (7) DNF; Navar (8) DNF.

16th Redwing Series Race: 1st Miss Lacey (11), 1:34.1; 2nd Monahan (10), 1:37.0; 3rd Gok (1), 1:40.1; Dallas (1), 1:41.0; 4th Cole (4) and Purvis (7) DNF; Navar (8) DNF.

17th Redwing Series Race: 1st Miss Lacey (11), 1:34.1; 2nd Monahan (10), 1:37.0; 3rd Gok (1), 1:40.1; Dallas (1), 1:41.0; 4th Cole (4) and Purvis (7) DNF; Navar (8) DNF.

18th Redwing Series Race: 1st Miss Lacey (11), 1:34.1; 2nd Monahan (10), 1:37.0; 3rd Gok (1), 1:40.1; Dallas (1), 1:41.0; 4th Cole (4) and Purvis (7) DNF; Navar (8) DNF.

19th Redwing Series Race: 1st Miss Lacey (11), 1:34.1; 2nd Monahan (10), 1:37.0; 3rd Gok (1), 1:40.1; Dallas (1), 1:41.0; 4th Cole (4) and Purvis (7) DNF; Navar (8) DNF.

20th Redwing Series Race: 1st Miss Lacey (11), 1:34.1; 2nd Monahan (10), 1:37.0; 3rd Gok (1), 1:40.1; Dallas (1), 1:41.0; 4th Cole (4) and Purvis (7) DNF; Navar (8) DNF.

21st Redwing Series Race: 1st Miss Lacey (11), 1:34.1; 2nd Monahan (10), 1:37.0; 3rd Gok (1), 1:40.1; Dallas (1), 1:41.0; 4th Cole (4) and Purvis (7) DNF; Navar (8) DNF.

22nd Redwing Series Race: 1st Miss Lacey (11), 1:34.1; 2nd Monahan (10), 1:37.0; 3rd Gok (1), 1:40.1; Dallas (1), 1:41.0; 4th Cole (4) and Purvis (7) DNF; Navar (8) DNF.

23rd Redwing Series Race: 1st Miss Lacey (11), 1:34.1; 2nd Monahan (10), 1:37.0; 3rd Gok (1), 1:40.1; Dallas (1), 1:41.0; 4th Cole (4) and Purvis (7) DNF; Navar (8) DNF.

24th Redwing Series Race: 1st Miss Lacey (11), 1:34.1; 2nd Monahan (10), 1:37.0; 3rd Gok (1), 1:40.1; Dallas (1), 1:41.0; 4th Cole (4) and Purvis (7) DNF; Navar (8) DNF.

25th Redwing Series Race: 1st Miss Lacey (11), 1:34.1; 2nd Monahan (10), 1:37.0; 3rd Gok (1), 1:40.1; Dallas (1), 1:41.0; 4th Cole (4) and Purvis (7) DNF; Navar (8) DNF.

26th Redwing Series Race: 1st Miss Lacey (11), 1:34.1; 2nd Monahan (10), 1:37.0; 3rd Gok (1), 1:40.1; Dallas (1), 1:41.0; 4th Cole (4) and Purvis (7) DNF; Navar (8) DNF.

27th Redwing Series Race: 1st Miss Lacey (11), 1:34.1; 2nd Monahan (10), 1:37.0; 3rd Gok (1), 1:40.1; Dallas (1), 1:41.0; 4th Cole (4) and Purvis (7) DNF; Navar (8) DNF.

28th Redwing Series Race: 1st Miss Lacey (11), 1:34.1; 2nd Monahan (10), 1:37.0; 3rd Gok (1), 1:40.1; Dallas (1), 1:41.0; 4th Cole (4) and Purvis (7) DNF; Navar (8) DNF.

29th Redwing Series Race: 1st Miss Lacey (11), 1:34.1; 2nd Monahan (10), 1:37.0; 3rd Gok (1), 1:40.1; Dallas (1), 1:41.0; 4th Cole (4) and Purvis (7) DNF; Navar (8) DNF.

30th Redwing Series Race: 1st Miss Lacey (11), 1:34.1; 2nd Monahan (10), 1:37.0; 3rd Gok (1), 1:40.1; Dallas (1), 1:41.0; 4th Cole (4) and Purvis (7) DNF; Navar (8) DNF.

Inter-Services Rifle meet

At the conclusion yesterday of the second day of the five-day Inter-Services Rifle Meet held at Stonecutters the Royal Marines held a commanding lead of 105 points over their nearest rivals in aggregate points for the three events which have been decided.

Up to today the Royal Marines have scored 140 points while the Royal Navy, who are in the runners-up position, have only 35.

The event competed for yesterday was the Sporting Arms Trophy which consisted of deliberate firing at 300, 500 and 600 yards.

Individual winner of the Trophy was Sergeant Newport, 45 Commando, Royal Marines.

The individual winner of the Sadoh Trophy which consisted of deliberate firing at 200 yards and snap-shooting at 200 yards on Monday was Sergeant Thackeray, Royal Marines Training Centre, Stonecutters Rifle Range.

The team aggregate for the Sporting Arms Trophy was won by the Royal Marines "A" team with 140 points, followed by the second, Royal Marines "B" team third, Army "A" team fourth and Army "B" team fifth.

Present standing of the various teams competing in the Championship:

1. Royal Marine, 140 points; 2. Royal Navy 35, points; 3. Army, 30 points; 4. R.A.F., 20 points; 5. Hong Kong Police; 0 points.

DEFENCE FORCE HOCKEY TEAM

The following will represent the Hong Kong Defence Force against Hong Kong Signal Squadron in the Inter-Service hockey league, at Soekunpoo at 4.15 p.m. tomorrow: R. Clark; A. L. Nery; J. B. Goncalves; K. D. Eger; G. N. Goiano; Major B. G. Fugh; P. N. Slater; A. Marques; S. A. Fowler; P. Rull and M. de Silva. A "Transport" will be provided at H.Q. Hong Kong Defence Force.

CROSS COUNTRY RACE TODAY

The Fleet Cross-Country race will take place today. The race will start from the centre of the Race Course at Happy Valley at 3 p.m.